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Kanade wants to date his childhood friend, Meguru, a cute brat whose voice hasn't even broken yet. No one knows that this popular and sought after guy known as the Piano Prince is madly in love with the immature Meguru. However, after catching sight of Kanade happily practicing with a girl one day, Meguru is for some reason unable to forgive him?! And meanwhile, the frustration of dealing with Kanami-sempai's casual skinship has caused Manabe, who's usually cold on the outside but soft at heart, to do a complete 180!

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BORN ON NOVEMBER 19. I'M ORIGINALLY FROM KOBE. BUT I CURRENTLY LIVE IN SAITAMA PREFECTURE. AND NOW THE APPEARANCE OF THESE TWO DOGS WITH THEIR HUMAN-LIKE FACES! THEY'RE MY YOUNGER SISTER'S DOGS. YUKO IS ON THE LEFT AND SUGURU ON THE RIGHT. I SECRETLY CALL THEM LEONARDO AND DAVINCI. THIS PHOTO MAKES ME LAUGH EVERY TIME I SEE IT

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RENAIHOUTEISHIKI 2
Presented by KAZUMA KODAKA

Koutarou lived in my neighborhood. A year older than me, he was mature, cool, and popular with the girls.
He never had a girlfriend in middle school, and I thought that made him even more cool and manly.

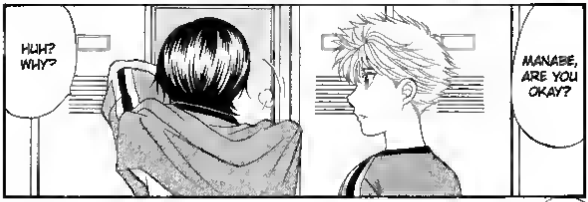
That is, until I caught him wooing a (male) classmate of mine.
Feelings of shock and anger overtook me. I recognized my emotions as jealousy, which made me realize my love for him

It seems...

When his heart was broken, I became impatient, and in the spur of the moment, I confessed my feelings.
"EVER SINCE YOU CALLED ME RIKU,
I'VE BEEN WATCHING NOTHING BUT YOU."

恋愛方程式
SHIKI REN-AI HOUTEISHIKI
Kannami x Manabe
Chapter
..when it got caught up in this fever called "love."
..my rational mind short-circuited..
WHOA, HOLD UP! WHAT DID I JUST SAY?

'MOR-NING!
'SUP
GOOD MORN-ING.


HUH? WHY?
MANABE, ARE YOU OKAY?

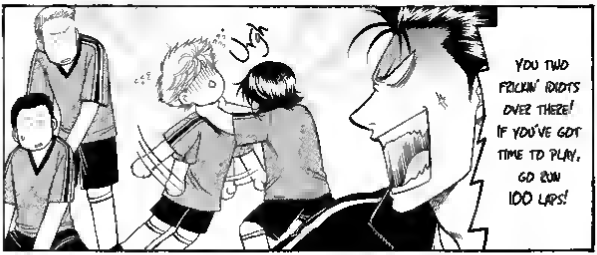
IS THAT TRUE? IF YOU'RE FEELING SICK, THEN...
PAT
YOUR FACE IS RED. DO YOU HAVE A FEVER?
EH...

AH
slap
T-
THAT'S NOT IT, I WAS JUST...
SUR-PRISED, SO I...
U-UM, I...
I'M SOR-RY!
dash
AH...

HEY MANABE, WAIT!
MANA-BE!
Sexually harassing them in the changing room, huh. You've got balls, Kan-nami
I WAS NOT!
"EVER SINCE YOU CALLED ME RIKU,
I'VE BEEN WATCHING NOTHING BUT YOU."
Maybe I was mistaken?
I'VE JUST BEEN RE-JECTED, AFTER ALL I'M PROB-ABLY USING THIS AS AN EMOTIONAL CRUTCH
...in thinking what he said was a love confession?

Ouch! It's gonna break! My hip's gonna break!!
I KNOW THIS EVEN WITHOUT HAVING YOU OPEN YOUR BIG MOUTH!
HEY MANABE, THAT WAS STUPID OF YOU JUST NOW.
WHAT IF SENPAI MISUNDER-STANDS?
ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED JUST NOW IF YOU ACT LIKE THAT, HE'S GOING TO THINK YOU HATE HIM.
TALK ABOUT WHAT?
I STILL THINK IT'S BEST IF YOU TALK TO SENPAI
IT WOULD SURPRISE ANYONE TO BE TOUCHED SUDDENLY LIKE THAT.
I COULDN'T HELP IT! IT WAS A REFLEX.
I DON'T THINK SO I MEAN,
I DID SAY THAT I LIKE HIM OR SOMETHING ALONG THOSE LINES
THAT'S TRUE, BUT STILL...
'KAY, LET'S SWITCH NOW

NO WAY! YOU CONFESSED TO SENPAI?!
WHERE? WHEN? HOW?


YOU TWO FUCKIN' IDIOTS OVER THERE! IF YOU'VE GOT TIME TO PLAY, GO RUN 100 LAPS!

HEY, SO HOW DID KANNAMI-SENPAI RESPOND?
..

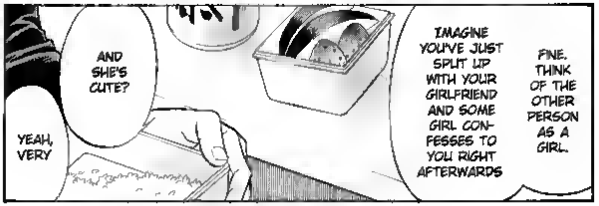
EH? WHY NOT?
LIKE I'D EVER TELL YOU

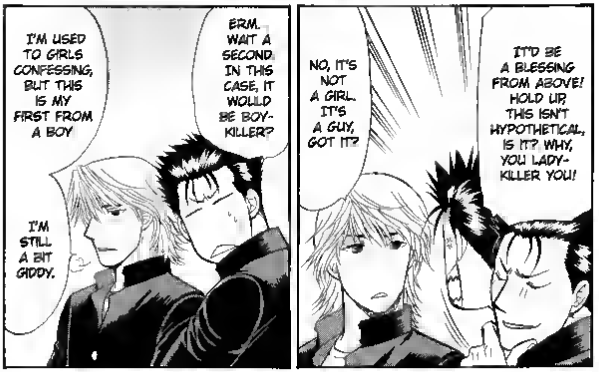
DAMMIT, IT'S YOUR FAULT WE KEEP GETTING TOLD OFF!
YOU'RE BLAMING IT ON ME AGAIN.

I'M SAYING THERE'S NO REASON FOR THE PERSON WHO REJECTED KANNAMI-SENPAI TO KNOW WHAT HE SAID!
WH—
WHY? YOU HAVEN'T HEARD ANYTHING FROM SENPAI?
LIKE I'D ASK!
..
BUT I ALREADY KNOW!
I'M ALWAYS WATCHING HIM, SO WHETHER I LIKE IT OR NOT, I KNOW!
That's right. I knew.
I knew, but being the sly person that I am, I professed my love.

Ever since I confessed this morning, I haven't been able to look him in the eye.
Of course it is. I'm afraid of his reply.
My one-sided confession is still in the air
With a single sentence,
I've destroyed our comfortable relationship.
YO!
BOW
H-HELLO
I never should have confessed.

HEY, SAKURAI, AM I A FICKLE PLAYER?*
3 - 1
ARE YOU SAYING YOU'D OFFER YOUR ASS TO ANYONE?!
WOULD YOU STOP TALKING LIKE THAT?
I'M JUST TRYING TO ADJUST THE CONVERSATION TO SUIT YOU.


FINE. THINK OF THE OTHER PERSON AS A GIRL.
IMAGINE YOU'VE JUST SPLIT UP WITH YOUR GIRLFRIEND AND SOME GIRL CONFESSES TO YOU RIGHT AFTERWARDS
AND SHE'S CUTE?
YEAH, VERY


IT'D BE A BLESSING FROM ABOVE! HOLD UP. THIS ISN'T HYPOTHETICAL, IS IT? WHY, YOU LADY-KILLER YOU!
NO, IT'S NOT A GIRL. IT'S A GUY, GOT IT?
ERM. WAIT A SECOND. IN THIS CASE, IT WOULD BE BOY-KILLER?
I'M USED TO GIRLS CONFESSING, BUT THIS IS MY FIRST FROM A BOY
I'M STILL A BIT GIDDY.



T/N: *This is a bad pun. Shigeru means "fickle" but literally it means "light + ass."

I HATE TO BREAK IT TO YOU, SAKURAI-THE-SKIRT-CHASER, BUT GIRLS AREN'T MY THING. A SIMPLE CONFESSION WON'T DO IT FOR ME
ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME AT ALL?
I knew it. You're the enemy of all unpopular guys everywhere!
EVEN THOUGH I WAS ALREADY REJECTED, I'VE JUST FORGOTTEN MY PAIN.
I MYSELF HAVE CONFESSED TO OTHERS, BUT I NEVER THOUGHT I'D BE ON THE RECEIVING END
THAT'S WHY I WAS HAPPY TO GET A CONFESSION FROM A GUY.
BUT IT COULD BE THAT HIS CONFESSION WAS JUST MY IMAGINATION
I BECAME VERY CONSCIOUS OF HIM, AND STARTED TO EXPECT SOMETHING
BUT AFTER HOW BADLY IT WENT BEFORE, I FEEL LIKE I'M RUSHING INTO THINGS AGAIN AND I CAN'T FORGIVE MYSELF.

chok
e
WHY DON'T YOU JUST GET TOGETHER WITH MANABE?
GEE, SORRY FOR BEING BORING.
ARGH! SO BO-RING!
cough
HOW ...
HOW DID I KNOW? 'CAUSE I WAS THERE, THAT'S WHY
DID YOU HEAR EVERY-THING?
IT'S NOT LIKE I COULD STOP MYSELF FROM HEARING
MORE IMPOR-TANTLY, IT DOESN'T SUIT YOU TO LOOK SO DAMN SERIOUS.
DOES NOT SUIT ME?
I'M NOT SURE IF YOU'RE JUST THICK OR WHAT, BUT EVEN I CAN SEE THAT MANABE FOLLOWS YOU AROUND.
IT'S TRUE HE LIKES YOU, WHETHER THAT'S LOVE OR NOT, I DON'T KNOW.

NOW GIMME YOUR HAND.
IT'S LIKE SOCCER. YOU DRAG OUT A LOSING GAME TO SEE IF YOU CAN SCORE THE NEXT GOAL.
STOP DICKING AROUND, KANNAMI

OVERCOME THOSE COWARDLY EMOTIONS OF YOURS, VICE-CAPTAIN.

DON'T WORRY. GORILLAS ARE WELL OUT-SIDE MY TARGET RANGE.
DON'T FALL FOR ME.
laugh

GOT THAT RIGHT
THANK YOU, CAPTAIN.
knock

FIRST YEARS, BRING THE BALLS HERE.
OKAY, WE'LL STOP FOR TODAY
YOU CAN ALL GO COOL DOWN NOW
EEP!
SHOULD I HELP YOU CLEAN UP?
How the hell should I know?
SAKURAI, DOES HE REALLY LIKE ME?
AH
N-NO NEED, THANK YOU!
SCRAMPER

RIKU, SHOULD YOU STILL BE IN BED?!
YOU'VE GOT MORNING PRACTICE TODAY, RIGHT?
UGH
I DON'T BELIEVE IT...
IT'S MORNING ALREADY.
TAKE AN UMBRELLA WITH YOU TODAY
EH? BUT IT'S SUNNY
THE FORECAST SAID IT'S GOING TO RAIN IN THE AFTERNOON. OH, AND YOU'LL HAVE TO MAKE DO WITH THIS FOR LUNCH.
MOMMY'S BUSY ALL DAY WITH THE KOTO* RECITAL SOCIETY.
HEY, WAIT. ONLY 200 YEN?! YOU COULD AT LEAST MAKE IT 500 YEN!
YOU CAN STILL BUY A HAMBURGER, RIGHT? IT'S SATURDAY. LET MOMMY HAVE A DAY OFF, OKAY?

*Koto=Japanese zither

NOT GOOD I'M GONNA END UP SLEEPING THROUGH FIRST PERIOD
Yawn
Love could really be a type of illness.
現代國語
STAND UP!
BOW!
SIT DOWN!
And the source of all my worries is constantly right next to me during soccer practice.
drop
drop
AH, IT'S RAINING.
I couldn't sleep because I kept thinking about everything that's happened since I met him and all the things that occurred after I confessed yesterday.
My food's tasteless.
I can't concentrate long enough to watch TV or play games.
It's almost like an apology
IF IT REALLY STARTS TO POUR, SOCCER'LL GET CANCELLED. TALK ABOUT A BLESSING IN DISGUISE.

I'LL RUN TO THE BUS STOP
Shaaa
SHOULDN'T THERE BE A LIMIT TO HEAVY RAIN?
AND I LEFT MY UMBRELLA AT HOME, TOO
EH?
splash
splash
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING, YOU IDIOT? DID YOU FORGET YOUR UMBRELLA?
splash
splash
?!
HEY, MANABE!
Snap

KANNAMI-SENPAI..
YOU'RE SO RECK-LESS!
I'LL GO WITH YOU TO GET AN UM-BRELLA, OKAY?
Jasp
THEY'LL LEND YOU AN UM-BRELLA IF YOU GO TO THE JANITOR'S ROOM!
ARGH, YOU'RE SOAKING WET!
I-IT'S FINE. I ONLY NEED TO GET TO THE BUS STOP, SO I'LL JUST RUN.
LOOK HERE, YOU...
Sniff
WHY ARE YOU BEING SO STUP-BORN?
JUST WHEN I THINK YOU'VE SAID SOMETHING TEMPTING, YOU START AVOIDING ME.
DO YOU ENJOY MESSING WITH ME?

I-I'M SORRY, OKAY?
WAIT, HOLD ON. D-DON'T CRY!
UH...
cries
cries
ARE YOU SAYING THAT? I WASN'T MESSING WITH YOU OR ANYTHING
WHY...

I'M SORRY FOR SNAPPING AT YOU.
I SAID HOLD ON!

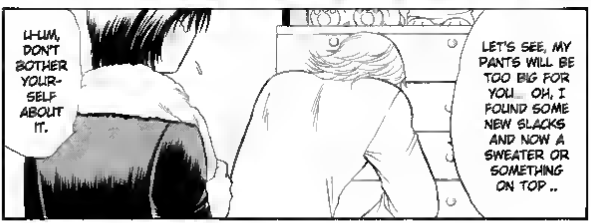
WHEN YOU STARTED TO AVOID ME, I THOUGHT YOUR CONFESSION WAS JUST MY WISHFUL THINKING
I WAS HAPPY WHEN YOU SAID YOU WERE ALWAYS WATCHING ME, MANABE, BUT I HAD TO FIGURE OUT WHAT YOU MEANT BY THAT...

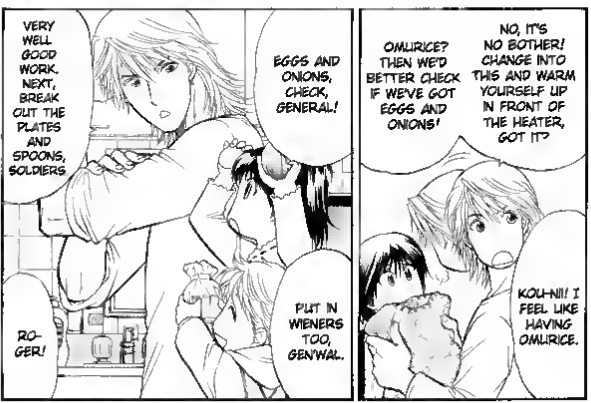
I NEVER INTENDED TO MAKE YOU CRY LIKE THIS
FORGIVE ME FOR THINKING YOU WERE PLAYING WITH ME AND FOR DOUBTING YOUR FEELINGS

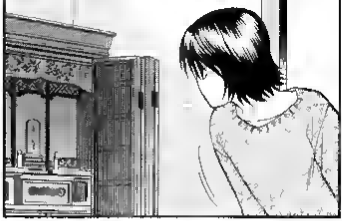
UM, IT'S OKAY...
NO, IT'S NOT! DO YOU WANT TO GET WET AGAIN AS YOU WALK FROM THE BUS STOP TO YOUR HOUSE?
MY PLACE IS NEARBY, SO COME OVER AND DRY OFF. I CAN SHARE MY UMBRELLA.
SO PLEASE, STOP CRYING

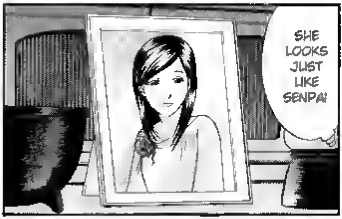
O-OKAY
OH, SO THAT'S WHAT HE WAS WORRIED ABOUT
AH, YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY. I'VE GOT A YOUNGER BROTHER AND SISTER, SO I CAN'T DO ANYTHING TO YOU.
AND THEY'LL ONLY SEE YOU AS AN EXTRA MOUTH TO FEED FOR LUNCH.
OKAY?
I'M HOME!
E-EXCUSE MY INTRUSION
AND YOU'RE SHIHO-CHAN, RIGHT?
YUP.
HM? AREN'T YOU RI-KUN?
YOU'RE LATE! GEEZ, I'M ABSOLUTELY STARVING!
YES, YES SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING!
WELCOME BACK, NI-CHAN.

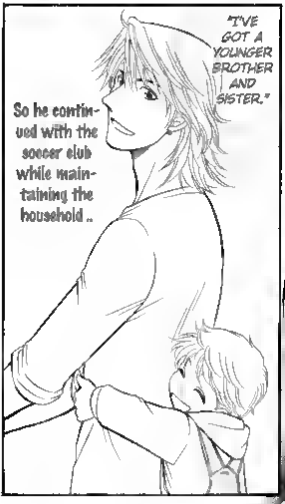
DON'T YOU MEAN, "RECOG-NIZE"?
SHIHO, COULD YOU GRAB A TOWEL AND TURN ON THE HEATER?
WHO'S RI-KUN?
OHMIGOD! YOU'RE SO GOOD-LOOKING NOW! I COM-PLETELY MISTOOK YOU!


U-UM, DON'T BOTHER YOUR-SELF ABOUT IT.
LET'S SEE, MY PANTS WILL BE TOO BIG FOR YOU... OH, I FOUND SOME NEW SLACKS AND NOW A SWEATER OR SOMETHING ON TOP ..


VERY WELL. GOOD WORK. NEXT, BREAK OUT THE PLATES AND SPOONS, SOLDIERS
EGGS AND ONIONS, CHECK, GENERAL!
RO-GER!
PUT IN WIENERS TOO, GEN'WAL.
OMURICE? THEN WE'D BETTER CHECK IF WE'VE GOT EGGS AND ONIONS!
NO, IT'S NO BOTHER! CHANGE INTO THIS AND WARM YOURSELF UP IN FRONT OF THE HEATER, GOT IT?
KOU-NII! I FEEL LIKE HAVING OMURICE.



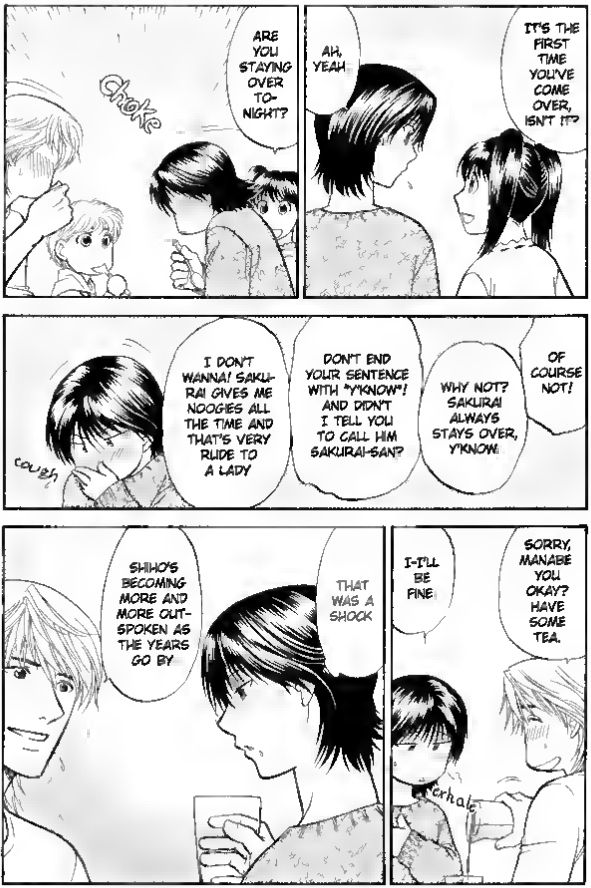



They said senpai's mother had died in a traffic accident.

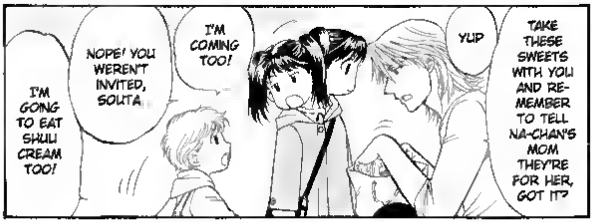
Oh yeah, I remember now. When I was in sixth grade, my parents had to go to a funeral

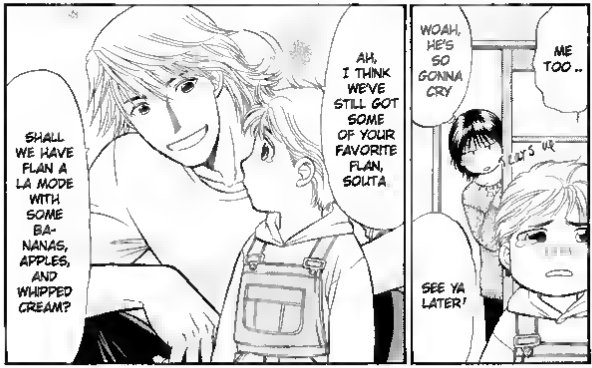
I fall for a pretty amazing guy.
PLEASE FORGIVE MY INTRUSION HERE.
YOU FINISHED CHANGING, MANABE? YOU MUST BE HUNGRY. IT'LL BE READY SOON, SO JUST SIT DOWN.
AH, YOU DON'T HAVE TO...
DON'T HOLD BACK!
HERE, IT'S READY.
NOW THEN,
ITADAKI-MASU!
I-ITADAKI-MASU.


choke
ARE YOU STAYING OVER TONIGHT?
AH, YEAH
IT'S THE FIRST TIME YOU'VE COME OVER, ISN'T IT?
cough
I DON'T WANNA! SAKURAI GIVES ME NOOGIES ALL THE TIME AND THAT'S VERY RUDE TO A LADY
DON'T END YOUR SENTENCE WITH "Y'KNOW"! AND DIDN'T I TELL YOU TO CALL HIM SAKURAI-SAN?
WHY NOT? SAKURAI ALWAYS STAYS OVER, Y'KNOW.
OF COURSE NOT!
SHIHO'S BECOMING MORE AND MORE OUTSPOKEN AS THE YEARS GO BY
THAT WAS A SHOCK
I-I'LL BE FINE
SORRY, MANABE YOU OKAY? HAVE SOME TEA.
crhale

EVEN THOUGH SHE'S A GIRL, Y'KNOW?
mmunch
IT'S TROUBLE-SOME, SINCE SHE'S IMITATING THE ROUGH WAY MY DAD AND I SPEAK.
AH.
shock
?!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?? YOU LOOK STUPID-
flash
GET MINE, TOO
NII-CHAN,
S-SORRY, FORCE OF HABIT!

KOU-NII! NA-CHAN SAID HER MOM'S GONNA MAKE CHOUX CREMES, SO SHE ASKED ME TO COME OVER. I'M LEAVING NOW!
WHAT? HEY, HOLD ON! YOU CAN'T GO EMPTY-HANDED!
IT WAS A GREAT MEAL.
OH, THANKS! PUT THOSE TO THE SIDE AND I'LL WASH THEM IN A SEC.


I'M COMING TOO!
NOPE! YOU WEREN'T INVITED, SOUTA.
I'M GOING TO EAT SHUU CREAM TOO!
YUP
TAKE THESE SWEETS WITH YOU AND RE-MEMBER TO TELL NA-CHAN'S MOM THEY'RE FOR HER, GOT IT?


AH, I THINK WE'VE STILL GOT SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE FLAN, SOUTA.
SHALL WE HAVE FLAN A LA MODE WITH SOME BA-NANAS, APPLES, AND WHIPPED CREAM?
WOAH, HE'S SO GONNA CRY
ME TOO..
SEE YA LATER!

YEAH, YOU LIKE IT, DON'T YOU?
PRT
A LA DOME!
FAV' RITE!
FLAN A LA DOME?
HE'S SAYING IT BACK-WARDS...
Dance
A la dome! A la dome!
IT'S KINDA HECTIC, BUT YOUR SIBLINGS ARE REALLY FUN.
THERE'S NEVER A DULL MO-MENT.
I'VE GOT AN OLDER SISTER, BUT WE DON'T GET ALONG LIKE YOU GUYS...
HM. BUT YOU DO TALK TO EACH OTHER, RIGHT?
NO WAY! TALKING TO MY SISTER'S LIKE TALKING TO SOME ALIEN

YOU FINALLY LAUGHED.
EH?
YOU WERE PRETTY TENSE THIS WHOLE TIME,
SO I WAS WONDERING WHAT I COULD DO TO MAKE YOU SMILE
YOU WERE ALWAYS SMILING WHEN WE FIRST MET, Y'KNOW?
BUT I GET THE FEELING I NEVER SAW YOU SMILE AFTER YOU JOINED THE SOCCER CLUB
YOU WERE ALWAYS PICKING FIGHTS WITH INAGAKI.
THAT'S ALL I REALLY SAW

OH
...YOU WERE LOOKING ONLY AT INAGAKI.
THAT'S 'CAUSE...
CAN'T ARGUE WITH THAT.
I FOUND SO MANY FAULTS WITH INAGAKI...
...BECAUSE YOU FAVORED HIM, AND THAT IRRITATED ME.
BUT THANKS TO HIM, I BECAME AWARE OF MY OWN JEALOUS DESIRES
I THINK I'VE BECOME MORE, UM, FRIENDLY WITH INAGAKI THAN I WAS BEFORE.

EH?!
LOOK, WHAT EXACTLY ARE YOU LOOKING FOR IN THIS RELATIONSHIP?
FRIENDS, HUH?
UNLIKE ME, YOU PROBABLY NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT LIKING GUYS BEFORE THIS, RIGHT?
E-EVEN IF YOU ASK ME...
ARE YOU SURE YOU AREN'T MISTAKEN ABOUT YOUR DESIRE TO MONOPOLIZE ME...
...BY CALLING IT LOVE?
CAN YOU SAY YOU WANT ME AS A LOVER?

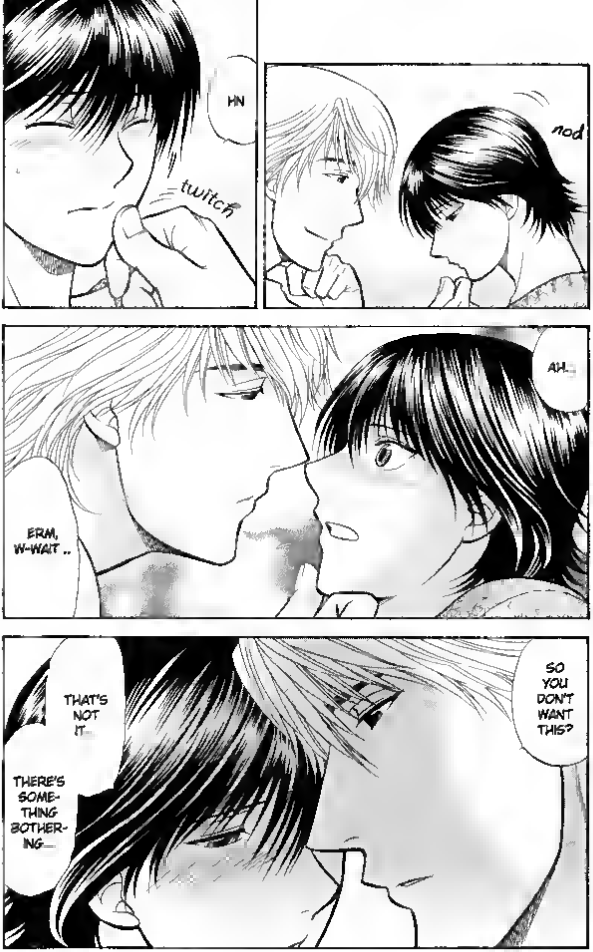
grip
..
P-PROBA-BLY...
DID YOUR HEART SKIP A BEAT JUST NOW?
WHA—!
WH...
IF YOU GO OUT WITH ME, IT'LL BE MORE THAN HOLDING HANDS
O-OF COURSE IT WOULD!
WE'LL BE KISSING AND DOING OTHER THINGS TOO ARE YOU FINE WITH THAT?

IF YOU'RE IN LOVE,
IT'S NORMAL TO WANT TO KISS AND THE R-REST...
U-UNLESS I TRY IT OUT,
I WON'T KNOW IF I LIKE IT OR NOT!
YEAH, THAT'S TRUE...
I JUST THOUGHT I'D CHECK WITH YOU
EVEN IF I SAY WE SHOULD JUST TRY IT AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS...
I STILL HAVEN'T ENTIRELY RECOVERED AT THE MOMENT,
AND LIKE THEY ALWAYS SAY, YOU CAN'T BE TOO CAUTIOUS.

IT'S KINDA UNEX-PECTED
WHAT IS?
I THOUGHT YOU WERE MORE LAID-BACK, SENPAI.

I MIGHT EVEN MAKE YOU REGRET THIS IN THE FUTURE.
RIGHT
OF COURSE NOT AS THE SAYING GOES, EVEN ONE FAIL-URE CAN MAKE YOU A COWARD

BUT YOU CAN THINK OF THIS AS A LIFE EXPERIENCE.
Pote
WILL YOU TRY LOVING ME?


HN
twitch
nod
AH...
ERM, W-WAIT ..
SO YOU DON'T WANT THIS?
THAT'S NOT IT...
THERE'S SOME-THING BOTHER-ING...

UH, WELL, WE DIDN'T HAVE A FIGHT, SO
NO MAKE-UP KISS?
skore
ERM, TOMOR-ROW'S NO GOOD 'CAUSE I'VE GOT CHORES,
NO, I'M THE ONE WHO SHOULD BE APOLOGIZING FOR LUNCH ON TOP OF DRYING MY CLOTHES
SORRY ABOUT THE MINI-COM-MOTION.
BUT NEXT WEEKEND... WANNA GO SOMEWHERE JUST THE TWO OF US?
YEAH.
DON'T CATCH A COLD.

AH,
YOU'RE AGAINST IT BEING JUST THE TWO OF US, RIGHT? THEN WE'LL JUST START BY GOING HOME TOGETHER.
GEEZ, DIDN'T I JUST SAY...
...THAT I WON'T KNOW UNLESS I TRY IT?
EH?
KISS

I'VE FOUND THAT I DON'T DISLIKE IT.
I WAS RIGHT.
HM.
THANKS FOR HAVING ME OVER.
AH, HOLD ON A SEC.
RIKU!

DO YOU PLAN ON ASKING THAT EVERY TIME?
CAN I KISS YOU AGAIN?

IT'S ALL GOOD! SORRY FOR WORRYING YOU!
thwack
HAVE YOU KISSED AND MADE UP YET?
I FORGOT.
IF I DON'T, I LOSE MY CONFIDENCE.

You're already kissing?!
I might have worried Inagaki a little, so I'll give him the lowdown...
..In a hammer-it-home sort of way
EH?!
thwack
SO FAST—
You're too frickin' loud, you damn brat!
You're the one desecrating it so gleefully!
ANYWAY, THAT'S HOW IT IS.
SO DON'T COME BETWEEN US, YOU GOT THAT?
IF YOU DO, I'LL KILL YOU.

C'mere
C'mere
RIKU!
I WON'T CRASH YOUR PARTY. GEEZ, BEING ALL HIGH-AND-MIGHTY...

First I've heard
EH? SO YOUR FIRST NAME IS RIKU, MANABE?
blush

'MORNING. ARE YOU FREE THIS WEEKEND?
GOOD MORNING
AH, YES
Ugh
OW— THAT WAS A SLICKER PUNCH

BUT?!
I DON'T MIND, BUT
IT'S A DATE,
THEN
WARM UP'S OVER. GO GET CHANGED, QUICK.
AH, YEAH...
The power of love is really amazing.
STOP ASKING ME IF YOU CAN KISS ME EVERY SINGLE TIME!
IT'S REALLY EMBARRASSING TO ANSWER!

My heart's warm with happiness.
ABOUT SUNDAY...
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO IT!
It's like the fog in my head has lifted after an eternal headache.
Now, it's all I can do to suppress my smile.
Earth to the pervy homo. I'll throw you out of the club if you copulate in the changing room.
So you're finally using your hands on them.
YEAH, YEAH, ME TOO
THIS ISN'T GOOD HE'S SO CUTE.
WAVE WAVE

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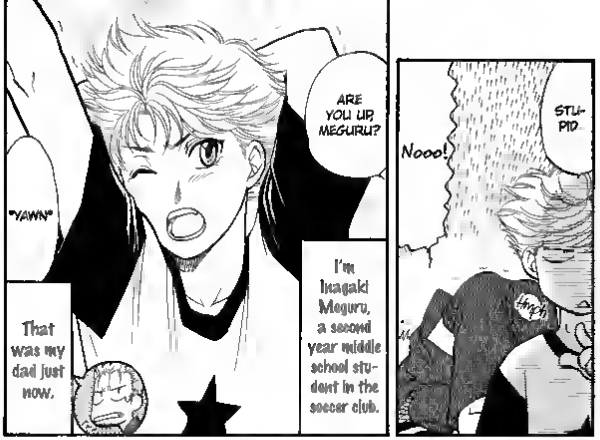
What d'ya mean by "cheat"?! We aren't even dating!
DON'T CHEAT ON ME ANY-MORE, MEGU.
Hey, stop! What are you doing?
ISN'T IT OB-VIOUS?
Wah! Stop it, you idiot!
IT'S SOMETHING A LITTLE NAUGHTY.

rustle
rustle
I SAID I DON'T.
Hm..?
Um...
STOP...
...
chill
♪ HAIRY LEGS: SCRATCHY, SCRATCHY! ♪
ha ha ha
What kind of disgusting crap are you pulling so early in the morning, you dirty old man?!
LOOKS LIKE MEGURU'S STILL A LITTLE BABY

WELL, EXCUSE ME FOR BEING SMOOTH! WHAT'S SO GREAT ABOUT BEING HAIRY, ANYWAY?
stroke
stroke
JUST LOOK AT THESE SMOOTH AND SILKY LEGS! NEVER MIND LEG HAIR, THERE'S NOT EVEN ANY BABY HAIR.
ME-GURU,
I KNOW YOU THINK MORE ABOUT FOOD THAN ROMANCE, SO YOU MIGHT NOT UNDER-STAND,
WHAT?!
BUT HAIR IS IMPOR-TANT TOO, YOU KNOW?
AFTER ALL, IT'S PART OF A MAN'S SEX APPEAL.
Pluck


ARE YOU UP, MEGURU?
"YAWN"
That was my dad just now.
I'm Inagaki Meguru, a second year middle school student in the soccer club.
STU-PID
Nooo!

I'M COMING IN!
This nag is my mom.
HURRY UP AND WASH YOUR FACE SO YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST! I NEED TO CLEAN UP!
OKAY!
And this rude girl is my twin sister Seri. for a total of four people in our family
I'M STILL USING THE BATH-ROOM! DON'T COME IN, IDIOT!
WHAT'D YOU SAY?!
SO? YOUR HAIR LOOKS THE SAME NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU FIDDLE WITH IT.
Toothbrush

brush brush
and I don't plan on moving up any time soon, either.
As you can see, I'm at the bottom of the food chain.
VIOLENT WOMAN.
Hot! Hot!
FWOOSH
You're in my way! Get out!
I think these problems would make any teenage boy depressed.
IT'S SMOOTH HERE TOO.
I'm in my second year of middle school, but my voice hasn't broken yet, and even Seri's taller than me.
My lack of self-confidence comes from the fact that my body hasn't hit its growth spurt yet
However, what I got wasn't a girlfriend.
SEE YOU WHEN YOU GET BACK. WATCH OUT FOR CARS, OKAY?
SEE YA LATER!
It's true my body is like a kid's, but my mind has hit puberty
I often day-dream about having a cute girlfriend.

'MORNING, MEGU
This is my childhood friend, Haghwara Kanade. He doesn't look like it, but he's a first year in middle school
it was a boy-friend.

JUST SHOW THEM TO ME!
SHOW ME YOUR LEGS FOR A SECOND.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
WHAT? WHAT IS IT?!
HUH?! WHY MY LEGS?

HUH?
HAH, YOU'VE GOT SMOOTH LEGS, TOO JUST 'CAUSE YOU GOT SO TALL DOESN'T MEAN YOU GREW UP ALL OVER, HUH?
Hyeh
DO YOU LIKE HAIRY GUYS, MEGU?
You! What kind of crazy fetishes do you think I have?!
This hurdle might be hard to overcome!
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT I'M JUST TRYING MY BEST...
IF I CAN BECOME YOUR IDEAL GUY,
I'M HOPING THAT MAYBE YOU'LL LIKE ME A LITTLE MORE.
URK.

COME HERE FOR A SEC.
HUH?
N-NOW YOU'VE GONE AND MADE EVERY-THING WEIRD.

HEY!
WAI

H-HEY, KANADE?!
clack

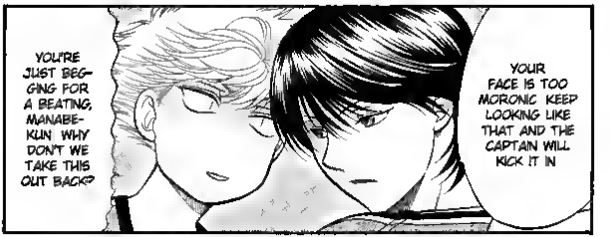
IT'S FINE. NO ONE CAN SEE US HERE.
!

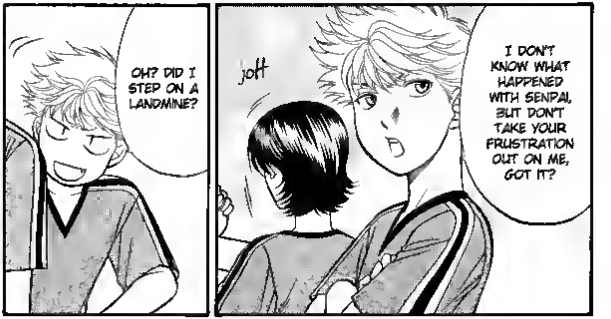
"IT'S SOMETHING A LITTLE NAUGHTY."
blush
AH,
HOLD ON I SAID WAIT...
DON'T BE SO TENSE.
I'M NOT GOING TO DO ANYTHING, SO JUST LET ME HOLD YOU.
THIS IS SO I CAN REMEMBER YOUR SCENT ALL DAY LONG.
ALL RIGHT?

Kiss
YEAH.
I LOVE YOU.
DO YOU
REALLY LIKE ME THAT MUCH?
I SEE.
In their wildest dreams, no one would believe that this guy (with whom all the girls are infatuated),
THIS FEELS GOOD.
leer
known as the Piano Prince, is head-over-heels for me.

I'm the only person he looks up to.
GOOD MORNING.
MOR-NIN'!
CAN WE GO HOME TO-GETHER AFTER SCHOOL?
Good boy
SURE. YOU CAN WAIT FOR ME 'TIL SOCCER'S OVER.
What's more, I'm in control.
bump
Unph
hum
hum
hum
HEY,
YOU'RE PRETTY CHEERFUL TODAY.
stretch
JUST SEEING YOU IS ANNOYING, SO WATCH IT.

I WARNED YOU, DIDN'T I? YOU COULD AT LEAST SAY THANKS
Like hell!
You're the only one who's annoyed!
And what kind of greeting was that? Was that supposed to be a hello?!


YOU'RE JUST BEGGING FOR A BEATING, MANABE-KUN. WHY DON'T WE TAKE THIS OUT BACK?
YOUR FACE IS TOO MORONIC. KEEP LOOKING LIKE THAT AND THE CAPTAIN WILL KICK IT IN


OH? DID I STEP ON A LANDMINE?
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED WITH SENPAI, BUT DON'T TAKE YOUR FRUSTRATION OUT ON ME, GOT IT?

What's with that girly reaction?!
Nooo!
flush
WELL, MAYBE I AM A LITTLE FRUS-TRATED.
Huh?!
SENPAI REALLY LIKES TO TOUCH.
BUT HE DOESN'T GO ALL THE WAY.
IT'S KINDA DIFFICULT TO DEAL WITH.

Whack
Wrong!
So bold of you. Maybe...
...THAT HE SHOULD JUST GET TO THE SEX ALREADY?
Gulp
S-SO YOU'RE SAYING...
I'M ALREADY PANICKING WHEN WE WALK SIDE BY SIDE,
BUT HE CAN CALMLY REACH OVER AND HOLD MY HAND...
IT'D BE UNCOOL TO FREAK OUT EVERY TIME HE DOES THAT,
SO I PRETEND I'M OKAY EVEN THOUGH MY HEART'S BEATING SO FAST...
MY FACE TURNS BRIGHT RED AND I'M SCARED THAT EVERYONE CAN TELL...

AH, SO THAT'S WHY YOU LOOK SO CRANKY TODAY
Cran-ky?!
I'M NOT TEASING YOU. I'M IMPRESSED THAT YOU'RE THINKING THINGS OVER AND WORKING THROUGH YOUR PROBLEMS.
I MEAN, I'M NOT THAT SHARP, AND EVEN I CAN TELL YOU REALLY LIKE SENPAI
YOUR LOVE FOR HIM REALLY COMES ACROSS
MY HEART WAS BEATING FAST WHEN KANNAMI-SENPAI KISSED ME,
BUT TO BE HONEST, IT WAS BECAUSE I WAS SO SURPRISED.
IT'S NOTHING LIKE WHAT YOU FEEL, MANABE.
grip

You're worrying way too much, Manabe-Kun.
That looks like fun, ya runts.
For your information, I don't give a rat's ass about that little rejection of yours. Spill it. How far did you go?
Now go do 100 laps to reflect on your behavior.
roooooooooar
Since I'm so generous, I'm gonna let you off with only one punch.
SOCCER'S ABOUT SKILL WITH THE BALL.
BESIDES, YOU TWO HAVE ALREADY REFLECTED ENOUGH, RIGHT?
SAKURAI, I KEEP TELLING YOU THAT RUNNING LAPS ISN'T REAL SOCCER PRACTICE!
HUH?

WHY DON'T YOU STOP PLAYING FAVORITES, KANNAMI?
EXCUSE ME?
SAKURAI...
FINE THEN, 100 LAPS KICKING THE BALL!
YES, YOU ARE.
I AM NOT. RIGHT, RIKU?
I'M GONNA GO RUN NOW!
I GET THE FEELING THAT MANABE'S FIGHTING A LOSING BATTLE.
Stop trying to be sexy, you idiot!
Die! Why won't you die?!
kick
kick
Ahh!

THEY'RE ALWAYS A LITTLE STIFF IN THE MORNING
GOOD, MY FINGERS HAVE LIMBERED UP
Glide
clap
clap
clap
I GOT LOST IN THE SOUND OF YOUR PLAYING
SAKURAI-SENPAI,
YOU REALLY ARE GIFTED, HAGIWARA-KUN!

G-GOOD MORNING
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN THERE?
I DIDN'T MEAN TO DISTURB YOU!
I JUST GOT HERE I WAS A LITTLE EARLY, SO I DECIDED TO DROP BY THE MUSIC ROOM.

BUT YOU CAME TO PLAY THE PIANO, DIDN'T YOU?
IT'S NOT LIKE THIS IS MY PIANO; EVERYONE CAN USE IT...
IT'S FINE, REALLY!
PLEASE GO AHEAD

SORRY, I'LL MOVE OUT OF YOUR WAY.
IT'S FINE! YOU DON'T HAVE TO MOVE!
YOU CAN USE IT, HAGIWARA-KUN

I'LL BE LEAVING NOW
THAT'S NOT IT! YOU'RE NOT DISTURBING ME OR ANYTHING!
I'M JUST EMBARRASSED OF MY TERRIBLE PLAYING

OH? UMM ..
BUT I COULDN'T PLAY IN FRONT OF HAGIWARA-KUN.

IT'S SO CLOSE TO THE RECITAL DATE AND I STILL CAN'T PLAY THE WHOLE PIECE. I'M TRYING MY HARDEST TO CATCH UP BUT...
I-I'M SO BAD AT IT, BUT I REALLY LIKE PLAYING THE PIANO
EVEN THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KIDS AT MY MUSIC SCHOOL ARE BETTER THAN I AM.
WHICH MUSIC SCHOOL DO YOU GO TO?
HM? UM, MORIGUCHI'S MUSIC LESSONS
WITH MORIGUCHI-SENSEI?! I THINK MY SCHOOL IS DOING A JOINT RECITAL WITH THAT ONE.
MY MOTHER RUNS HAGIWARA'S PIANO LESSONS
EH? NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, I HEARD THAT IT'S A JOINT RECITAL.
SO IT'S WITH YOUR MOM'S MUSIC SCHOOL?
A-ARE YOU PERFORMING TOO, HAGIWARA-KUN?
SORT OF. I'M REALLY THERE TO SUPPORT THE CHILDREN.
BUT I DO GET TO PLAY AT THE END

I TAKE LESSONS AT ANOTHER PLACE THAT SPECIALIZES IN COMPETITIONS. THIS RECITAL'S MORE OF A PERSONAL THING
They're letting me use the antique piano because I'm her son.
Weep
COMPETITIONS!
THE GAP BETWEEN US IS HUGE.

BUT IF YOU'RE PERFORMING IN THE RECITAL, THEN WE'VE GOT NO TIME TO WASTE.
LET'S START PRACTICING!
DON'T BOTHER. I'LL JUST PRACTICE QUIETLY AT HOME.
IF YOU'RE TOO SHY TO PLAY IN FRONT OF ME, THEN HOW ARE YOU GOING TO PERFORM ON STAGE? SIT!

DON'T YOU LOVE THE PIANO, SENPAI? IT WAS YOU WHO TOLD ME NEVER TO FORGET THE WAY I FELT WHEN I FELL IN LOVE WITH THE PIANO!
YOU HAVE TO THINK POSITIVE IN ORDER TO SUCCEED.
UGH...
YOU DON'T WANT TO REGRET THIS RECITAL, DO YOU?

YES
UM, IN THAT CASE,
clatter
OK...
NOW, PLEASE PRAC-TICE.
WHO'S THE MORE MATURE ONE HERE?
SENPAI,
YES, WHAT?
YOU'RE NOT PLAYING BY LOOKING UP AT THE MUSIC AND THEN DOWN AT THE KEYS, ARE YOU?

AH, HAHA. ACTUALLY, I AM.
I LOSE MY CONCENTRATION, SO I END UP HAVING TO CHECK.
AH, I SEE.
WHY DO YOU STILL NEED TO SPOT CHECK FOR THE PIECE YOU'RE PERFORMING?! IT'S NOT LIKE THIS IS THE FIRST TIME YOU'VE PLAYED IT. ARE YOU REALLY PRACTICING EVERY DAY?
Kya
I DO PRACTICE, BUT I GET NERVOUS IF I DON'T CHECK!
DON'T BE SUCH A SISSY!
YOU'RE DEPENDING TOO MUCH ON YOUR EYES! WE NEED TO HAMMER THE MUSIC INTO YOUR EARS. PLEASE CONCENTRATE ON THE SOUND.
THAT'S YOUR WAY OF LEARNING IT, HAGIWARA-KUN. IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME
Boo
WOULD YOU MIND ACTUALLY TRYING IT BEFORE SAYING THAT?
YES, I'M SORRY.

Forgive me!
Don't try to cover up the section you got wrong. Do it over!
Yes, I'm sorry.
Your fingers missed a note again!
I WASN'T GOING TO, BUT IT WAS DECIDED THAT ALL THE STUDENTS MUST PARTICIPATE.
I-I'M AMAZED YOU THOUGHT YOU COULD BE IN THE RECITAL.
After school and piano club are over I'll give you personal instruction! You get that?
NO MATTER WHAT, WE'VE GOT TO BRING YOUR PLAYING UP TO AVERAGE!
THAT'S TO BE EXPECTED! BUT AT THIS RATE, NEVER MIND MORIGUCHI'S MUSIC LESSONS, YOU'LL BE DRAGGING DOWN THE CREDIBILITY OF OUR SCHOOL TOO!
Y-YES.
average, he said!
Vaaah!
stab
dunce
UGH

I BROUGHT SOME-THING AMAZING TODAY!
WHAT?
INA-GAKI!
2-2
ding
dong

I FOUND IT ON MY SISTER'S BOOKSHELF IT'S EVEN GOT A BOOK JACKET!
UH-HUH.
OH MAN, IT SMELLS LIKE A GIRL'S SECRETS
Shuffle
Shuffle
WOAH, "SECRET" HAS SUCH A NICE RING TO IT

IT'S JUST A MANGA, BUT THE PICTURES ARE REALLY AMAZING!
LOOK!
HUH?!

Isn't this a guy getting...
Idiot! Shh!
Huh. This...
So the boob master has awakened to dicks as well?
Yeah, right I said it was my sister's, remember?
whisper
whisper
whisper
She has a whole bunch of gay manga stashed away
I thought the drawings were pretty incredible, so I brought it to share with you guys...
Yeah, it's really something,
Right?
But isn't it weird how that guy is moaning during sex?
Hm...
I'm not sure. I think he was moaning, but I could have been imagining it

Have you really seen it?!
No, I didn't, I didn't! I didn't see anything!
WHAT ARE WE SAYING? THIS IS THE MOST BABYISH GUY IN CLASS WE'RE TALKING ABOUT.
HE PROBABLY GETS A BLOODY NOSE INSTEAD OF A BONER WHEN HE WATCHES PORN.
WHAT THE HELL?! I DON'T GET BLOODY NOSES!
clatter
clatter
THE BELL RANG AGES AGO GET TO YOUR SEATS, EVERYONE!
Close
CRAP
LET'S SAVE THE CHITCHAT FOR RECESS

THE PROPER RESPONSE WOULD BE, "IT'S NOTHING"!
N-NOTHING!
I-IT'S NOTHING!

HUH?
YOUR FACE IS ALL RED.
WHAT'S WRONG, INAGAKI?

..I keep remembering watching the two sensei have sex.
INAGAKI
HERE
ARGH! I KEEP SEEING IMAGES OF THEM HOLDING EACH OTHER.

Oh no this is bad. Whenever I look at Arisawa sensei's face..
I'M TAKING ROLL NOW!
AKASAKA
HERE
ITOU
HERE.

IF HE SAW ALL THAT SMUT, HE'D PROBABLY FAINT FROM THE SHOCK.
Kanade probably doesn't even know how to spell "sex."

"IT'S SOMETHING A LITTLE NAUGHTY"

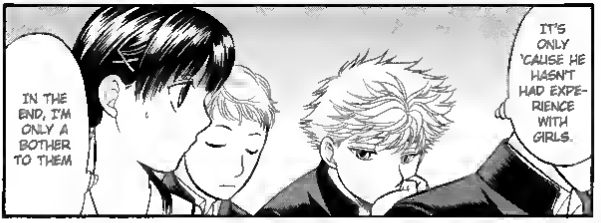
HERE.
SAKURAI.

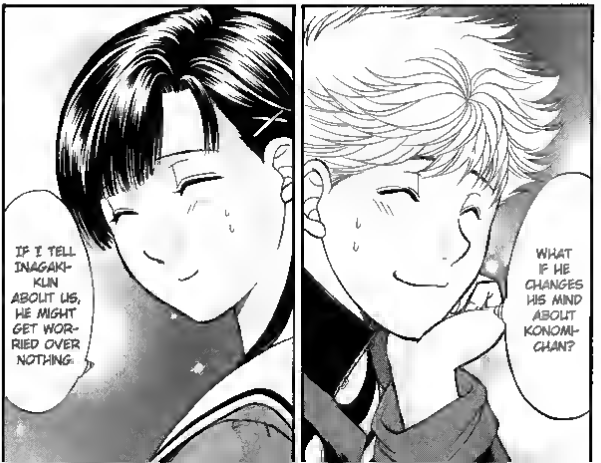
KONOMI-CHAN IS REALLY SWEET
'MORNING
grin

'MORNING, INAGAKI-KUN
whisper
whisper

No matter how you look at me, I'm a guy, and that means I'm only going to get manlier in the future.
I wonder if Kanade realizes that my body will grow to be completely different from a girl's.
SHE'S ALL DELICATE AND GENTLE.
MEGU,
I CAN'T FIND THE PLACE TO PUT IT IN. WHAT DO I DO?
More importantly, I don't know if he's even aware I'm a guy. He does treat me more like a girl than anything else.
HE MIGHT ACTUALLY SAY THAT.
despair
I'M GRATEFUL FOR HAGIWARA-KUN'S HELP, BUT IT'S VERY DEMANDING SINCE HE WATCHES ME LIKE A HAWK.
THE PIANO PRINCE'S FANS ARE ALL JEALOUS OF ME, AND I FEEL A LITTLE BAD FOR INAGAKI-KUN.
"WE'RE DOING MORNING PRACTICE TOO!"

I walk to school with Megu in the morning, so I get here early. Please come early too, Senpai.
Later.
HAGIWARA-KUN WAKES UP EARLY JUST TO SEE INAGAKI-KUN.
AND NOW I FEEL LIKE I'M DEPRIVING THEM OF THEIR TIME TOGETHER.
Sigh


IT'S ONLY 'CAUSE HE HASN'T HAD EXPERIENCE WITH GIRLS.
IN THE END, I'M ONLY A BOTHER TO THEM


WHAT IF HE CHANGES HIS MIND ABOUT KONOMI-CHAN?
IF I TELL INAGAKI-KUN ABOUT US, HE MIGHT GET WORRIED OVER NOTHING.

sigh
tap tap
THE MUSIC'S NOT IN HER HEAD,
AND THAT LACK OF CONFIDENCE IS TRANSFERRED TO HER FINGERS
1-3
AH, I KNOW SINCE SHE'S FOLLOWING THE MUSIC VISUALLY, MAYBE SHE'LL REMEMBER IT BETTER IF I HAVE HER WRITE OUT THE NOTES?

Even though I was uneasy, in the back of my mind, I thought there was no way Kanade would ever leave me.
And since he always made me his first priority, I never thought that he would...

...suddenly begin giving his attention to Konomi-san.

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LET'S WRAP THINGS UP, PEOPLE!
BETTER CHECK MY MES-SAGES

You can go back first
Kanade
I'm not done yet
You can go back first
Kanade

WHOA!
shock
ring ring ring

clean
YOU'VE BEEN DUMPED, INAGAKI.

HUH?
WHAT THE...? WASN'T HE THE ONE ALWAYS BUGGING ME TO GO HOME EARLIER?

dodge
THAT TEXT WAS FROM THAT TALL FIRST YEAR, RIGHT? THE ONE WHO WAITS FOR YOU BY THE GATES LIKE HE'S GONNA JUMP YOU.
IF YOU DON'T WANT PEOPLE TO LOOK, READ IT OUTSIDE.
Don't look at other people's messages!
annoyed
Don't lump me in with you people!
OH? SO I'M WRONG?
SO YOU'RE INTO THAT TYPE OF GUY, HUH?
shaking
I FEEL SORRY FOR HIM. THERE'S NO POINT IN HIM BEING SO DEVOTED WHEN ALL YOU DO IS TALK LIKE THAT.
LOOKS LIKE HE DOESN'T FEEL THE SAME WAY YOU DO.
HE'S JUST A CHILD-HOOD FRIEND.

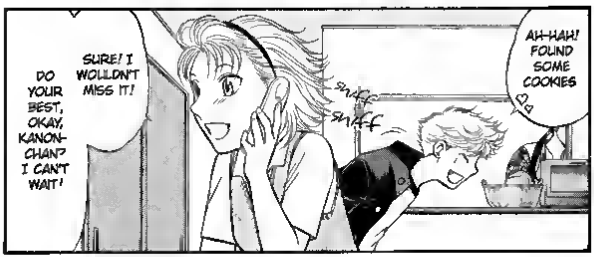
Just 'cause your relationship with Kannami-senpai is so perfect right now doesn't mean you're better than me!
what?! I'm just trying to give you advice!
Give me advice?! More like mock me!
RIKU!
I KNOW YOU'RE BEST FRIENDS WITH INAGAKI, BUT IT'S MY TURN NOW! SAVE THIS FOR TOMORROW.
HE'S SUCH A BRAT, KANNAMI-SENPAI! YOU SPOIL HIM TOO MUCH.
WHAT'D YOU JUST-?!
YES, YES THAT'S ENOUGH.
SORRY, INAGAKI, BUT SPOILING RIKU IS MY PRIVILEGE.
SHALL WE GO, MY LITTLE PRINCE?
KISS?

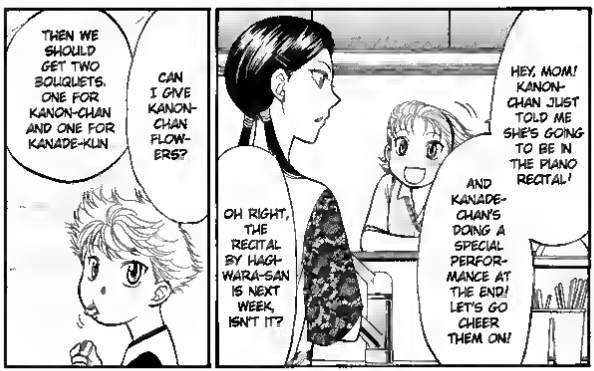
SEE YOU ALL TOMORROW
dazed
dazed
THANKS FOR YOUR HARD WORK.

WHO KNEW KANNAMI-SENPAI IS SUCH A SOFTY WHEN IT COMES TO HIS BOYFRIEND?
NO WONDER MANABE'S RED ALL THE TIME
Even I'm blushing

WHEN I WATCH THOSE TWO, I GET THE IMPRESSION THAT WHAT I FEEL FOR KANADE ISN'T LOVE
I like him, but I think something's missing.
My "like" isn't the special kind of "like."

I'M HOME
I'M STARVING, MOM. IS THERE ANYTHING TO EAT?
WELCOME HOME. DINNER WILL BE READY SOON. GO GET CHANGED AND WASH YOUR HANDS AND DON'T FORGET YOUR LAUNDRY!


AH-HAH! FOUND SOME COOKIES
SNAFF
SNAFF
SURE! I WOULDN'T MISS IT!
DO YOUR BEST, OKAY, KANON-CHAN? I CAN'T WAIT!


HEY, MOM! KANON-CHAN JUST TOLD ME SHE'S GOING TO BE IN THE PIANO RECITAL!
AND KANADE-CHAN'S DOING A SPECIAL PERFORMANCE AT THE END! LET'S GO CHEER THEM ON!
OH RIGHT, THE RECITAL BY HAGIWARA-SAN IS NEXT WEEK, ISN'T IT?
CAN I GIVE KANON-CHAN FLOWERS?
THEN WE SHOULD GET TWO BOUQUETS. ONE FOR KANON-CHAN AND ONE FOR KANADE-KUN

SO THERE'S A RECITAL NEXT WEEK. I HAD NO IDEA. IT'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH ME ANYWAY.
nibble
YOU CAN GIVE ONE BOUQUET TO KANON-CHAN, SERI,
AND MEGURU CAN GIVE THE OTHER TO KANADE-KUN.
choke
YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT?! WHY THE HELL DO I HAVE TO DO SOMETHING SO EMBARRASSING?!
BECAUSE YOU'RE ALWAYS IMPOSING ON HIM
YEAH... HE WALKS OVER EVERY MORNING TO PICK YOU UP! WHAT A LUXURY
H-HEY, I'VE GOT NO EAR FOR MUSIC AND BESIDES, KANADE DIDN'T INVITE ME BECAUSE HE KNEW I'D SLEEP THROUGH THE WHOLE THING I'D JUST BE IN THE WAY!
YOU'RE AN IDIOT, YOU KNOW THAT?
IT'S KANADE-KUN'S SPECIAL NIGHT. HE WOULD BE THRILLED IF YOU WENT TO CHEER HIM ON.
HE DIDN'T ASK BECAUSE HE KNEW YOU'D HATE GOING.

T-THAT'S TRUE HE CAME EVEN THOUGH HE KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT SOCCER.
AND THE POOR GUY WENT TO ALL YOUR SOCCER GAMES, TOO I FEEL SORRY FOR HIM!
R-REALLY?

I wonder if Kanade will be pleased if I go?
His cheering really made me happy.
YOU CAN DO IT, MEGU!

I HOPE I DON'T RUN INTO ANYONE I KNOW THERE
Steam

Thanks for the flowers, Megu!

HUH?
I'M TAKING OFF NOW.
IT'S RARE OF HIM TO OVER-SLEEP
WHERE'S KANADE?
OH? MORNING, MEGU-KUN.
HEY THERE, KANON-CHAN IS KANADE IN?
MY BROTH-ER?
ding dong
1103
Hagiwara
YES?

HE ALREADY LEFT FOR SCHOOL. DIDN'T HE GO WITH YOU?
WHAT?
SO HE LEFT ALREADY, HUH?!
HE'S SURE GOT GUTS TO LEAVE ME BEHIND!

HM?
Vibrate

CRAP! I FORGOT!
Incoming: Megu
Vibrate
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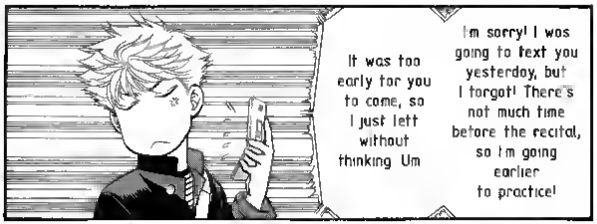
Vibrate

I'VE MANAGED TO WHIP HER INTO SHAPE,
SO I THINK WE CAN CONCENTRATE ON HER TEMPO AND EXPRESSIVENESS TODAY

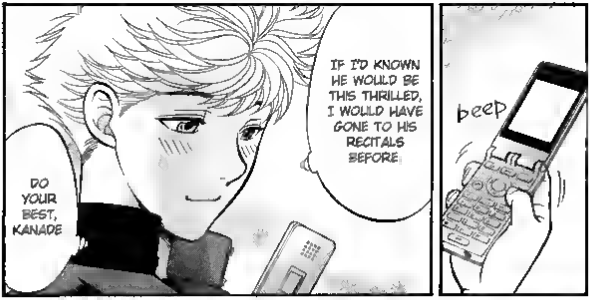

It was too early for you to come, so I just left without thinking. Um
I'm sorry! I was going to text you yesterday, but I forgot! There's not much time before the recital, so I'm going earlier to practice!

Whimper
Yeah, you bet I'm mad
I'M SORRY, MEGU.
I-I'M REALLY SORRY. ARE YOU MAD?

YOU DON'T NEED TO EXPLAIN YOURSELF. I UNDER-STAND.
I KNOW PIANO IS IMPORTANT TO YOU THE WAY SOCCER IS TO ME. AND THAT'S THE REASON YOU WANT TO PRACTICE, RIGHT?
HUH?
I'm mad you didn't tell me about it!

—
We can see each other any time, so it's no big deal if we don't go to school together, right?
You always go to school early just for me, so I won't get angry if you want to practice piano
Y'KNOW, SERI WAS REALLY EXCITED ABOUT GIVING KANON-CHAN A BUNCH OF FLOWERS.
And?
YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT.
THANKS, MEGU. I'M GLAD YOU UNDERSTAND
STUPID! S-
WHO IN THEIR RIGHT MIND WOULD DO THAT?
I'M ONLY WATCHING!
Seriously?! Are you giving me flowers, too?!
!
Should I come too?

Thanks, Megu. You've really made my day! I'll try my hardest
Bye!
TIME'S A WASTING
JUST HURRY UP AND GO TO SCHOOL.
Oh no! What do I do? I'm happy, but now I'm so nervous. I better not mess up, right?


DO YOUR BEST, KANADE
IF I'D KNOWN HE WOULD BE THIS THRILLED, I WOULD HAVE GONE TO HIS RECITALS BEFORE
beep

INAGAKI-KUN!
Fight, oh! Fight, oh!

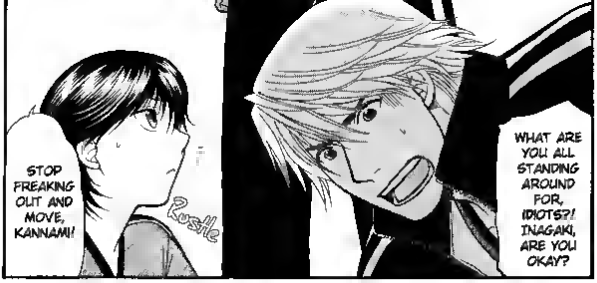
..
YOU CAN DO IT!
WHY IS KANADE WITH KONOMI-CHAN?
ARE THEY DOING MORNING PRACTICE TOGETHER? BUT HE DIDN'T SAY...
PANT
WHOA, WHAT'S WRONG?
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT!
AW, THAT SUCKS FOR YOU, INAGAKI.
IT ..
BUT ISN'T HER BOYFRIEND THE GUY STANDING NEXT TO HER?
WAY TO GO, INAGAKI! THAT'S ONE HOT CHICK.

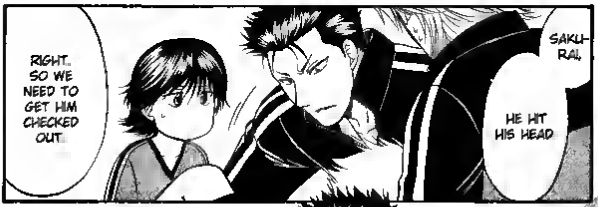
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT AT ALL...
INAGAKI! HEADS UP!

fall
Smack
OOPS

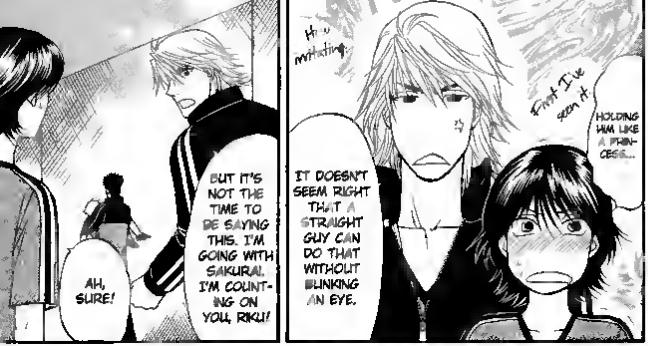
IT MADE A GREAT SOUND.
K.O.
THAT BALL MUST'VE HIT HIM REAL HARD

UWAH
THUD!


WHAT ARE YOU ALL STANDING AROUND FOR, IDIOTS?! INAGAKI, ARE YOU OKAY?
Rustle
STOP FREAKING OUT AND MOVE, KANNAMI!


SAKURAI,
HE HIT HIS HEAD
RIGHT. SO WE NEED TO GET HIM CHECKED OUT.

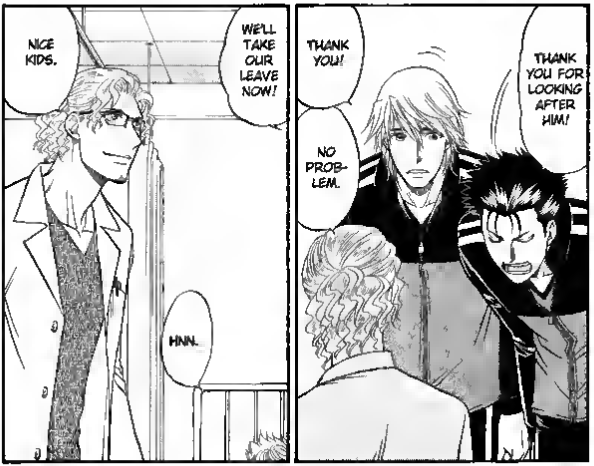
Cradle
I'M GOING TO THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE. YOU'RE IN CHARGE.


AH, SURE!
BUT IT'S NOT THE TIME TO BE SAYING THIS. I'M GOING WITH SAKURAI. I'M COUNTING ON YOU, RIKU!
IT DOESN'T SEEM RIGHT THAT A STRAIGHT GUY CAN DO THAT WITHOUT BLINKING AN EYE.
HOLDING HIM LIKE A PRINCESS...

HMM? YOU GUYS SURE ARE EARLY.
THERE HE IS! SENSEI!
WHOA! SHORTY?!
INAGAKI FELL OVER AND HIT HIS HEAD
FUAHH,
flap
flap

HOW IS HE, SENSEI?
IT'S JUST A LIGHT CONCUSSION. HE SHOULD BE AWAKE ANY MOMENT NOW.
I'LL WATCH OVER HIM. YOU TWO CAN GO BACK TO PRACTICE.

UM... I'LL TELL INAGAKI'S HOMEROOM TEACHER WHAT HAPPENED.
THAT'LL BE ARISAWA.
HE WAS IN THE FACULTY OFFICE JUST NOW, SO YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO CATCH HIM.


THANK YOU FOR LOOKING AFTER HIM!
THANK YOU!
NO PROBLEM.
WE'LL TAKE OUR LEAVE NOW!
NICE KIDS.
HNN.

ARE YOU ALIVE, SHORTY?
SHIBATA-SENSEI?
DOES YOUR HEAD HURT? FEEL ANY NAUSEA?
HM. NO
FOLLOW MY FINGER WITH YOUR EYES GOOD.
I'M GOING TO MEASURE YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE, OKAY?
DID SENSEI CARRY ME HERE?
NOPE
SAKURA! CAME IN CARRYING YOU LIKE A PRINCESS
PRIN-CESS
REMEMBER TO THANK HIM. AND KANNAMI, TOO HE WAS PRETTY WORRIED.
LIKE A PRIN-CESS?!
HEY! DON'T SIT UP SO SUD-DENLY!

MY GAME WAS JUST A LITTLE OFF, THAT'S ALL.
APPARENTLY YOU TOOK ONE HELL OF A BALL TO THE HEAD DID YOU SKIP BREAKFAST OR SOMETHING?
giggle
MY LIFE IS OVER. I'LL BE THE SCHOOL LAUGHINGSTOCK.
IT'S WEIRD WHEN YOUR EVERYDAY ROUTINE GETS THROWN OUT OF WHACK.
KANADE'S PRACTICING LIKE CRAZY FOR SOME PIANO RECITAL. I'VE NEVER EVEN GONE TO ONE BECAUSE I THOUGHT IT'D BE BORING.
IT WAS JUST LIKE THAT DURING HIS EXAM TIME.
Y-YEAH.
I HAD THE SAME THING HAPPEN TO ME. WHEN THAT LOUDMOUTH'S NOT AROUND AND IT'S ALL QUIET, YOU GET KIND OF RESTLESS
I UNDERSTAND
HUH?
pat

SO EVEN YOU'RE LONELY WHEN ARISAWA-SENSEI'S NOT AROUND, HUH?
chuckle
IT REALLY THREW ME OFF MY GAME.
I hake it hack, shenshei!
WHAT MOUTH IS SPOUTING SUCH CRAP? IS IT THIS ONE HERE?
Push
EXCUSE ME, SENSEI! IS INA-GAKI
Clatter Clatter
WHO'S EMBAR-RASSED?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE SO EMBAR-RASSED ABOUT IT!
DON'T COMPARE ME TO A MIDDLE SCHOOL BRAT LIKE YOU

SORRY.
haa
DON'T SCARE ME LIKE THAT SO EARLY IN THE MORNING! IT'S BAD FOR MY HEART.
HE STILL NEEDS TO REST, THOUGH
I'M TOTALLY FINE.
HE'S FULLY AWAKE NOW, SO IT SHOULD BE OKAY.
I'LL KEEP AN EYE ON HIM.
SHOULDN'T WE TAKE HIM TO THE HOSPITAL? HE DID HIT HIS HEAD
WHAT?!
IDIO—
HE'S EMBARRASSED BECAUSE HE JUST ADMITTED HOW LONELY HE WAS WITHOUT YOU AROUND.
IT'S YOUR IMAGINATION.
WHY AREN'T YOU LOOKING AT ME?

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?! STAY AWAY! DON'T COME HERE!
I'VE GOT IT! IN MY FREE TIME BETWEEN LESSONS, I'LL COME HERE TO HUG AND KISS YOU!
Like hell!
YES, YES THANKS FOR THE SHOW. I'LL FACE THIS WAY, SO DON'T HOLD BACK, OKAY?
LOOK WHAT YOU DID, SHORTY! NOW THIS FOOL'S GONE BERSERK!
AH, INAGAKI. ARISAWA-SENSEI TOLD ME WHAT HAPPENED
PLEASE TAKE YOUR SEAT.
SORRY I'M LATE.
clatter clatter clatter
2-2
MOVING ON TO THE NEXT CHAPTER...

THE TWO OF THEM HAVE THINGS IN COMMON THEY BOTH LOVE THE PIANO IT'S NOT STRANGE FOR THEM TO START HANGING OUT
YEAH, I'M FINE. THANKS, KONOMI-CHAN
Whisper
INAGAKI-KUN, I HEARD YOU HIT YOUR HEAD ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
..
MAYBE I'M JUST READING TOO MUCH INTO IT..
THIS IS GREAT! THANK YOU! I FEEL MORE CONFIDENT NOW!
REALLY?!
IT WAS VERY SMOOTH. YOU HAVE BETTER CONCENTRATION IN THE SECTIONS YOU'VE MEMORIZED
THAT'S THE SPIRIT! OKAY, LET'S STOP FOR LUNCH NOW AFTER SCHOOL, WE'LL REVIEW YOUR PROGRESS
YOU'VE IMPROVED A LOT

UM, THERE'S SOMETHING I'VE BEEN MEANING TO ASK, HAGIWARA-KUN.
SURE, WHAT IS IT?
HAVE YOU TALKED TO INAGAKI-KUN ABOUT OUR PRACTICE SESSIONS?

OF COURSE. HE EVEN CHEERED US ON.
HE DID? THANK GOOD-NESS
I DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING TO HIM BE-CAUSE I THOUGHT IT'D BE WEIRD COMING FROM ME.

YOU DON'T NEED TO BE SO WOR-RIED.
BUT I AM! I MEAN, REMEMBER WHEN WE SAW INAGAKI-KUN WITH KANNAMI-SAN? YOU HAD SUCH A SCARY FACE!
EXACTLY. YOU NEED TO EXPLAIN TO INAGAKI-KUN THAT WE'RE ONLY REHEARSING.
OR THIS TIME, HE'LL BE THE JEALOUS ONE.
THAT'S BECAUSE MEGU WAS BEING SE-CRETIVE ABOUT IT.

stare
JEALOUS, HUH?
mumble
I'D BE HAPPY IF THAT WERE TRUE
YOU REALLY LIKE INA-GAKI-KUN, DON'T YOU? YOU SEEM SO MATURE,
laugh
BUT SEEING YOU LIKE THIS REMINDS ME YOU'RE ONLY A FIRST YEAR.
D-DON'T TEASE ME LIKE THAT
blush
WHO ARE YOU TO TALK?! I'M THE ONE CARRYING EVERYTHING! YOU SHOULD AT LEAST TAKE HALF OF IT!
WHO CARES. WHY DON'T YOU TAKE IT LIKE A MAN?
ARGH, BEING THE CLASS HELPER IS SO ANNOYING
HUH? SOMEBODY'S PLAYING THE PIANO
OH... YEAH

SHH!
I'LL TELL SENSEI YOU DIDN'T HELP OUT AT ALL!
ZOOM
Wait, damn you!
IT MIGHT BE THE PIANO PRINCE!
THIS I GOTTA SEE!
HM?
THIS IS BIG NEWS. IF THE PIANO PRINCE'S FANS SAW THIS, THERE'D BE CHAOS.

QUIT SPYING ON THEM. LET'S GO
THEY'RE NOT GOING OUT, ARE THEY? WHERE'RE YOU GOING, INAGAKI?

AND SAKURAI-SAN'S AS COOL AS A CUCUMBER. HOW NICE.

WHY ARE YOU JUMPING TO CONCLUSIONS?! ALL THEY'RE DOING IS PRACTICING!

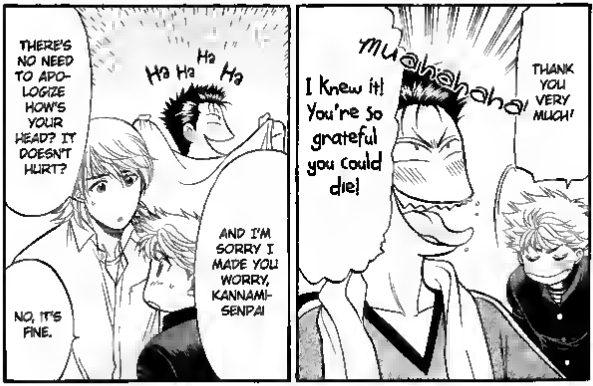
PRACTICING THE PIANO
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT.
SO WHAT DO YOU THINK THOSE TWO ARE DOING TOGETHER?

HEY, NO NEED TO GET SO PISSED.

This is the first I've ever seen Kanade enjoy himself so much.
Well, duh Soccer and piano have nothing in common.

We don't have anything in common.
I've never seen him have so much fun when he's with me.

UM,
CAPTAIN SAKURAI, ABOUT THIS MORNING..


THERE'S NO NEED TO APOLOGIZE HOW'S YOUR HEAD? IT DOESN'T HURT?
Ha Ha Ha Ha
AND I'M SORRY I MADE YOU WORRY, KANNAMI-SENPAI
NO, IT'S FINE.
I Knew it! You're so grateful you could die!
muahahaha!
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

GETTING HIT IN THE HEAD IS A BIG DEAL. SAKURAI, LET'S EXCLUSE INAGAKI TODAY HE SHOULD REST.
Ha Ha Ha
SURE GO TAKE A BREAK!
SORRY ABOUT TAKING OFF EARLY, GUYS
BOW
YO SO YOU'RE LEAVING ALREADY, PRINCESS?
SHOVE IT.
HEY NO FIGHT IN HIM.

I think Seri told me that he wants to be a pianist in the future. I had no idea.
Seems like Kanade gets trophies and stuff at piano competitions...
It wasn't that he never told me.
I just never made the effort to find out.
Konomi-chan and Kanade are in a world I know nothing about.
SQUEEZE

KONOMI-CHAN MUST KNOW MORE ABOUT KANADE THAN I DO.
Kanade was absorbed in his piano playing until the recital
As my chances to see him at home and at school faded away,
the distance between Kanade and I widened even further

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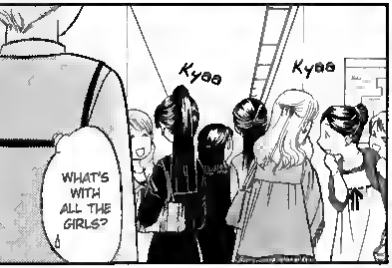
We're wishing Eike a
very Happy Birthday
and a million edible
cheesecakes!

WE'VE GOTTA GET PINK FLOWERS FOR KANON-CHAN.
WHAT ABOUT KANADE-KUN? MAYBE WHITE? OR YEL-LOW?
LOOK, YOU'RE THE ONE GIVING THEM TO KANADE-KUN GIMME SOME FEED-BACK HERE!
GEEZ, I DON'T CARE ABOUT THE COLOR JUST CHOOSE ALREADY
FLOWERS ARE SO NOT MY THING.
sigh
YOU'RE SO OLD-FASHIONED, MEGURU. I CAN'T BELIEVE JUST BEING HERE EM-BARRASSES YOU!
EX-ACTLY.

MASA-MI-SAN!
IT'S BEEN SO LONG, YURIKO-CHAN.
SERI-CHAN AND MEGURU-KUN CAME AS WELL, I SEE.
HELLO.
FEELS LIKE IT'S BEEN FOREVER.
HI

OH YEAH. TODAY'S RECITAL CLASHED WITH THE KENDO TOURNAMENT TOO BAD, HUH?
HE'S IN CHARGE, SO HE CAN'T SKIP
WAS TOORU-SENSEI AT SCHOOL TODAY?
HEY
KANADE-KUN SEEMS MUCH MORE DEPENDABLE EVEN THOUGH HE'S YOUNGER.
BUT THEY'RE STILL SUCH CHILDREN ON THE INSIDE
YOU TWO LOOK SO GROWN UP
Aww, just adorable.
GO AHEAD I THINK IT'S OKAY TO DO IT NOW KANADE WILL PROB-ABLY BE THRILLED
WHAT, NOW?
HEY! CAN I DROP THE FLOWERS OFF BACKSTAGE? I DON'T WANNA WALK AROUND CARRYING THEM.
NO, IT'S TRUE! LAST TIME THERE WERE TONS OF GIRLS CLIMBING ONTO THE STAGE TRYING TO GIVE HIM THEIR BOUQUETS
IT WAS CHAOS!
THAT'S TRUE. KANADE ALWAYS GETS MOBBED BY HIS FANGIRLS AFTER HIS PERFOR-MANCES. YOU'LL GET TRAMPLED
MOBBED... YOU'RE EXAGGER-ATING.

THEY'RE HERE!
I'LL GIVE THESE TO KANON-CHAN AFTER-WARDS
UGH NO THANK YOU I'LL TAKE THEM NOW
WE'RE GOING TO FIND OUR SEATS NOW!
DON'T GET LOST!

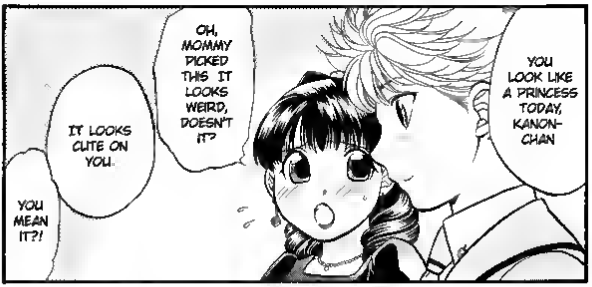

Kyaa
Kyaa
WHAT'S WITH ALL THE GIRLS?

Kyaa
Kyaa
LET'S SEE... THE EN-TRANCE...
THE BACK-STAGE EN-TRANCE...

PARDON ME, UH, COULD YOU JUST...
PERSON COMING THROUGH!

Haa
Haa
UM, YEAH FOR HAGIWARA KANADE...
COULD YOU LET ME PASS?
ARE YOU LEAVING AN ITEM FOR SOMEONE?
Phew!
I'M SORRY, BUT ONLY AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL MAY PASS HERE.
YOU CAN LEAVE IT WITH US AND WE'LL MAKE SURE HE GETS IT...
HUH?! NO, I'M..
A MEMBER OF THE FAMILY?
AH... UM...
I THOUGHT IT WAS YOU, MEGU-KUN.
MEGU-KUN?
KANON-CHAN! I'M SAVED!

WHOA, IF LOOKS COULD KILL...
SECURITY'S REALLY TIGHT TODAY
IF IT WEREN'T FOR THEM, PEOPLE WOULD SNEAK IN TO SEE MY BROTHER
HAHAHA... IS HE A CELEBRITY OR SOMETHING?


YOU LOOK LIKE A PRINCESS TODAY, KANON-CHAN
OH, MOMMY PICKED THIS IT LOOKS WEIRD, DOESN'T IT?
IT LOOKS CUTE ON YOU.
YOU MEAN IT?!

OH, THIS? IT'S FOR KANADE
UM, MEGU-KUN, THAT BOUQUET...

I'M SO HAPPY! I KNEW YOU WERE DIFFERENT FROM THE BOYS IN MY CLASS, MEGU-KUN!
Squeeze
R-REALLY? THANKS...
I'M BEING COMPARED TO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KIDS...
I'M SO HAPPY!

SO YOU'RE NOT GONNA GIVE ME ANY FLOWERS?
URK
AH, HOLD ON! SERI'S BRINGING YOU YOUR FLOWERS, REMEMBER, KANON-CHAN?
FOR MY BROTH-ER?
annoyed
I KNOW.
AH,
Pluck
I MEAN
THAT'S NOT
HERE

tear up
NO GOOD?
jump
struggle
I LOVE YOU, MEGU-KUN!
IT'S ABSOLUTELY WONDERFUL!
I'LL PLAY JUST FOR YOU TODAY MAKE SURE YOU WATCH, OKAY?
SURE. DO YOUR BEST.
I'M BEGINNING TO THINK THAT COPING WITH A GIRLFRIEND'S GONNA BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME.

clamor
clamor
KANADE-SENSEI, I LOST MY SHEET MUSIC!
KANADE-SENSEI MY RIBBON'S UNTIED!
HERE
WHICH RIBBON? THE ONE ON YOUR DRESS?
AND MIKU-CHAN, YOU HAD YOUR MUSIC DURING REHEARSAL, DIDN'T YOU? WHERE DID YOU PUT IT?
HOW WOULD HE KNOW WHERE IT IS?
EXCUSE ME! AH, KANADE-KUN! HAVE YOU SEEN SAKURAI-SAN?
PAR-DON?
SHE DIS-APPEARED AFTER REHEARSAL. ARE YOU SURE YOU HAVEN'T SEEN HER?
WHAT?

AH
SAKURAI-SENPAI, WHERE ARE YOU?
MORIGUCHI-SENSEI IS LOOKING FOR YOU, SENPAI! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
jolt
HAGIWARA-KUN.
drip drip
W-WHAT'S WRONG?!
flustered
I. I CAN'T DO IT!
wail

I JUST CAN'T DO IT.
MY HANDS ARE SO TENSE AND I MESSED UP DURING REHEARSAL.
HOLD OUT YOUR HANDS.
HUH?
JUST HOLD THEM OUT.
THEY SAID KANADE WASN'T BACK-STAGE THEN WHERE THE HELL DID HE GO?
AH, THERE HE IS.
IS HE NERVOUS OR SOME-THING?

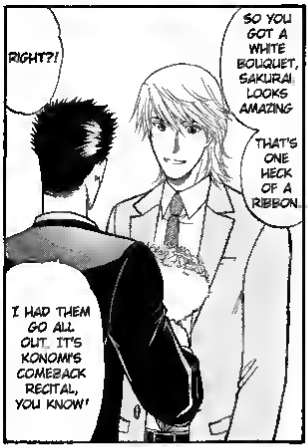
HEY, KANA—

NO ONE COULD PLAY WITH SUCH COLD HANDS.
GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF. WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN PRACTICING ALL THIS TIME FOR?
H-HAGIWARA-KUN?!
blow
A GOOD-LUCK CHARM.
MY MOTHER WARMED MY HANDS LIKE THIS AT MY FIRST PERFORMANCE
rub
rub

SENPAI, YOU TOLD ME ONCE THAT YOU REALLY LOVE THE PIANO
ISN'T THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT THING HERE? WE ALL CHERISH THE PIANO.

UH...
IF YOU DO BADLY TODAY, JUST PRACTICE HARDER NEXT TIME. IT'S NOT LIKE YOU'LL STOP PLAYING IF YOU MESS UP, RIGHT?
YOU'LL BE FINE. THE PIANO WILL RESPOND TO YOUR EFFORT.

C'MON, IF YOU KEEP CRYING, YOUR MAKE-UP WILL RUN
There, there
HAGIWARA-KUN, I'M S-SORRY! T-THANK YOU!


SO YOU GOT A WHITE BOUQUET, SAKURAI. LOOKS AMAZING
RIGHT?!
THAT'S ONE HECK OF A RIBBON.
I HAD THEM GO ALL OUT. IT'S KONOMI'S COMEBACK RECITAL, YOU KNOW!

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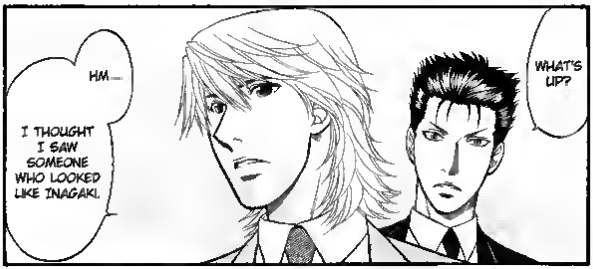
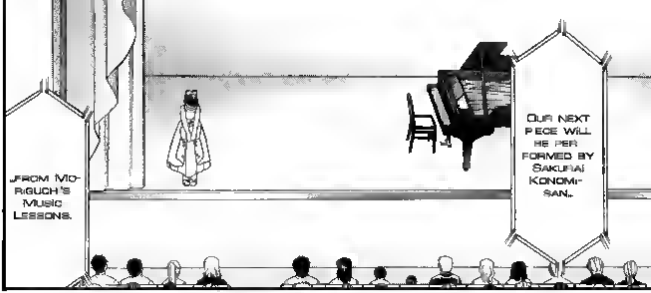
HM?

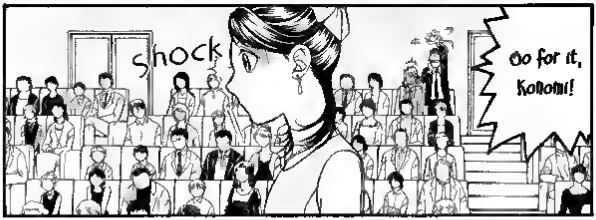
WAH!
Who're you calling mafia?!
Kick
CUT IT OUT! MY JACKET'LL GET DIRTY!


HM...
I THOUGHT I SAW SOMEONE WHO LOOKED LIKE INAGAKI.
WHAT'S UP?

IDIOT! THAT'S NOT TRUE! I REALLY THOUGHT I SAW HIM!
I'LL TELL MANABE YOU'VE STILL GOT THE HOTS FOR INAGAKI.

WHAT?
haa
LOOK, YOU...


Our next piece will be performed by Sakurai Konomi-san.
From Moriguch's music lessons.


shock
Go for it, Konomi!

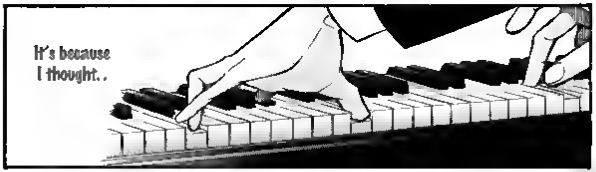
S-stupid brother..
I pity you, senpai.
That's Konomi-chan's big brother!
giggle
giggle
I'm rootin' for yo-
shhh!

LET'S HAVE A ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR HASHIWAHA KANON-SAN.
CLAP
CLAP
THAT WAS GREAT, KANON! YOU DID REALLY WELL.
UM, BIG BROTHER
SERI-CHAN TOLD ME MEGU-KUN ALREADY WENT HOME
WHAT?
MEGU-KUN PROMISED TO LISTEN TO MY PLAYING, BUT SERI-CHAN SAID HE LEFT.

IT'S LIKE MY BROTHER'S MORE OF A DAD THAN I AM.
THE STUPID UNCLE'S STILL IN GREAT HEALTH.
IT'S SUCH A BOTHER BECAUSE HE TOLD ME TO RECORD EVERYTHING
THEY'LL BE RELEASING A SPECIAL DVD LATER, SO WE CAN JUST ORDER THAT.
Tooru will be mad at me.
OH NO, I KNEW IT. THE RECORDING'S A BIT SHAKY.
REALLY? WHAT A RELIEF
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT! THIS IS A RECORD OF YOUR SON'S DEVELOPMENT!
KANADE MUST GET SO BORED SEEING THE SAME THING EVERY TIME.
Fwip
AH, HERE WE GO IT'S KANADE'S TURN!
AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST IS A VERY SPECIAL PERFORMANCE.
Kanade-Kun!
Kanade-Kun!
WOAH!
WAH...
INTRODUCING HAGIWARA KANADE-KUN FROM HAGIWARA'S PIANO LESSONS.

SORRY, KANADE-KUN!

I thought you knew I was going to play the piano.
Why, Megu?


It's because I thought..

...you were going to come cheer me on, I...

KANADE-KUN,
I'M SORRY! HE JUST DUMPED THE BOU-QUET AND WENT HOME!
AH, SERI-CHAN! MEGU IS...
squeal
squeal

I NEED TO TALK TO MEGU. CAN I BORROW YOUR KEYS?
AH, SURE. I DON'T MIND, BUT
SERI-CHAN, I WANT TO GO FIND HIM ONCE I'M DONE.
DO YOU HAVE YOUR HOUSE KEYS ON YOU?
I'M SO SORRY! WHEN I GET HOME, I'M GONNA PUNCH HIS LIGHTS OUT!
OH, AND THIS IS FROM THAT IDIOT!
HOLD ON, KANADE! WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?!
STOP! SAVE YOUR LECTURE FOR LATER I'M IN A HURRY!
WHAT? AND WHERE ARE YOU RUSHING OFF TO?
I'VE NEVER HEARD NOCTURNE PLAYED WITH SUCH FORCE AND—
WHAT IN THE WORLD WAS THAT PERFOR-MANCE?

AIN'T ME.
SURE AIN'T ME.
GOOD GRIEF! DID HE AND MEGURU-KUN FIGHT AGAIN?
AND WHO DOES HE GET THAT IMPULSIVE PLAYING STYLE FROM?!
PAR-DON?!
MEGU'S PLACE!
...that something changed inside Megu?
Is it because we weren't able to see each other for so long
I don't want that.
Not when I haven't confirmed Megu's true feelings yet!

MEGU,
knock knock
IT'S ME CAN I COME IN?
click
EXCUSE ME

close
I'M COMING IN
click

SERI TOLD ME THAT YOU WENT BACKSTAGE TO GIVE ME THE FLOWERS,
SO WHY DID YOU LEAVE EARLY?
KANADE: I PRACTICED REALLY HARD, YOU KNOW? IT WAS THE FIRST RECITAL THAT YOU WERE GOING TO ATTEND, MEGU.
OUT OF EVERYONE THERE, I WANTED YOU TO HEAR IT THE MOST, MEGU.
Grip

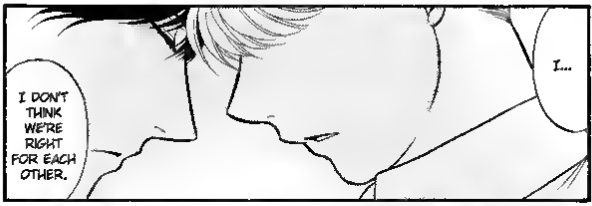
I MEAN, IT'S OBVIOUS THAT'S WHY YOU KEPT IT A SECRET THAT KONOMI-CHAN WAS IN THE RECITAL TOO!
Sit up
GEE, SORRY FOR WASTING YOUR TIME THEN! BUT IT'S NOT LIKE I'D KNOW IF IT WAS GOOD OR NOT EVEN IF I DID HEAR IT!

KONOMI-CHAN IS A BETTER MATCH FOR YOU THAN I AM!
BUT HEY, HAVING TO SPELL EVERYTHING OUT FOR ME CAN'T BE ANY FUN! ALL I CAN SEE IS THAT YOU'RE TRYING YOUR BEST, BUT THAT'S IT.

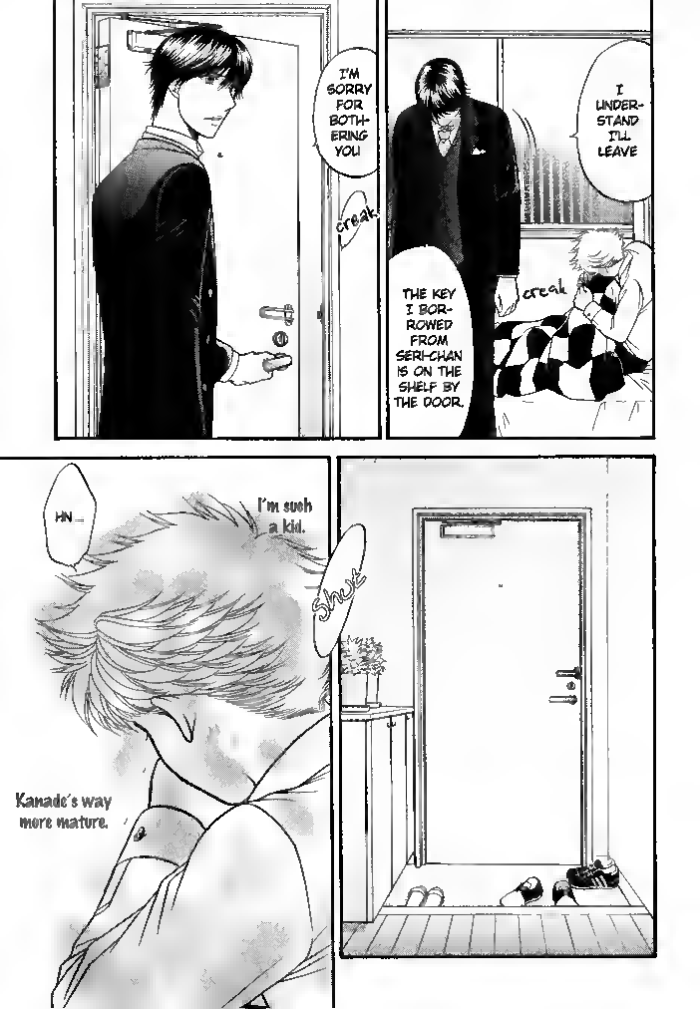
YOUR HOBBIES ARE THE SAME, AND SHE KNOWS YOU BETTER THAN I DO.
IT SEEMS LIKE YOU HAVE MORE FUN WITH KONOMI-CHAN.

WHEN YOU TALK TO KANNAMI-SENPAI ABOUT SOCCER, MEGU, THAT'S A WORLD I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO ENTER.
SAKURAI-SENPAI AND I BOTH LIKE THE PIANO, SO WE HAVE LOTS TO TALK ABOUT. BUT ISN'T IT THE SAME FOR YOU, TOO?
THAT'S TRUE.
I LOVE THE WAY YOUR FACE LIGHTS UP WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT SOCCER OR RUN ACROSS THE FIELD
SEEING YOU SO HAPPY FILLS ME WITH PLEA-SURE...
EVEN THOUGH OUR INTER-ESTS ARE TOTALLY DIFFERENT, I STILL WANT US TO BE TO-GETHER
CAN WE?
...BE-CAUSE I LIKE YOU.

MEGU
SAY SOME-THING.
hump


I...
I DON'T THINK WE'RE RIGHT FOR EACH OTHER.

JUST LEAVE...
PLEASE JUST LEAVE FOR TODAY.


I'M SORRY FOR BOTHERING YOU.
creak
I UNDERSTAND I'LL LEAVE
creak
THE KEY I BORROWED FROM SERI-CHAN IS ON THE SHELF BY THE DOOR.
HN...
I'm such a kid.
Shut
Kanade's way more mature.

I understand that the piano is important to him,
drop
drop
but after saw him and Konomi-chan holding each other
HIC
HIC
I just couldn't be happy for him at all.
I can't handle things rationally like Kanade.
I'm a kid, and there's no changing that.
I'm selfish, spoiled, and bossy.

When I close my eyes, I can see Kanade's expression when I said that.
My chest felt tight and I couldn't stop crying.
I don't think we're right for each other.
That night I dreamt about wandering around a dark, gloomy labyrinth
I've never woken up feeling this terrible before.

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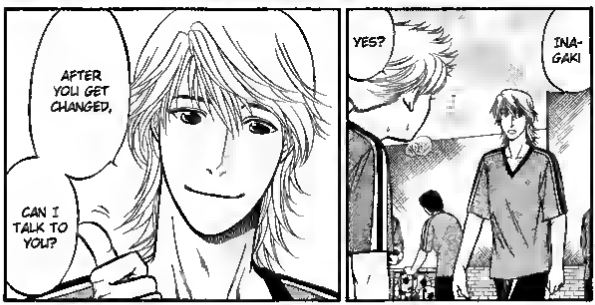
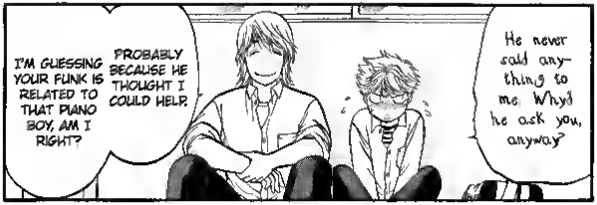
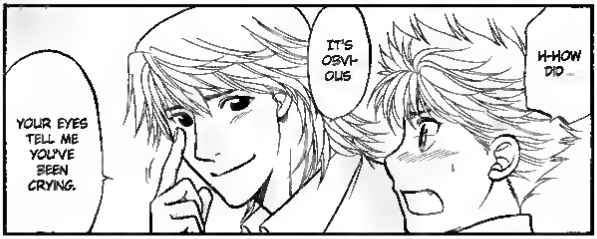
DAMN, MY BODY FEELS LIKE LEAD I CAN HARDLY MOVE.
Hua Hua
OKAY, THAT'S IT FOR TODAY!
KAY!


AFTER YOU GET CHANGED,
CAN I TALK TO YOU?
YES?
INA-GAKI

It's true. He's lonely because his sparring partner is down.
He asked me to check on you.
hahaha
Maruke ji? You're kidding, right?
YOU'RE ACTING STRANGELY, AND RIKU'S WORRIED
EH...
I KNOW IT'S NONE OF MY BUSINESS, BUT DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?


He never said anything to me. Why'd he ask you, anyway?
PROBABLY BECAUSE HE THOUGHT I COULD HELP.
I'M GUESSING YOUR FUNK IS RELATED TO THAT PIANO BOY, AM I RIGHT?


H-HOW DID
IT'S OBVIOUS
YOUR EYES TELL ME YOU'VE BEEN CRYING.

I'M JOKING

DO I LOOK THAT BAD?
YEAH, IT MAKES ME WANT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOU.

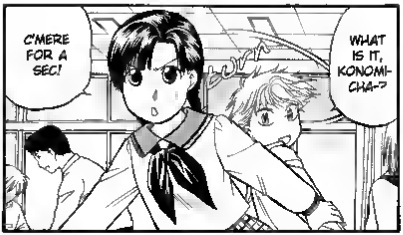
EVEN THOUGH WE DATED FOR ONLY A SHORT WHILE, AS YOUR EX, I'M JEALOUS
YOU LOVE THIS GUY SO MUCH THAT YOU'D CRY OVER HIM.

NO, IT'S NOT LIKE THAT
IT'S NOT SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL LIKE LOVE. IT'S JUST ME BEING SELFISH
I WANT TO TIE HIM TO ME AND MONOPOLIZE HIS EVERY MOMENT...
I TRIED TO BE UNDERSTANDING OF HIS PASSION FOR THE PIANO AND TO ENCOURAGE HIM TO MEET MORE GIRLS, BUT I COULDN'T DO IT.
I WANT HIM TO BE MINE ONLY, JUST LIKE IT USED TO BE
I BECOME SUCH A HORRIBLE PERSON WHEN I'M WITH HIM.
AND THAT'S WHY I WANTED TO END IT...
SO I TOLD HIM WE WEREN'T RIGHT FOR EACH OTHER.

INAGAKI, DON'T YOU THINK YOU'VE BEATEN YOURSELF UP ENOUGH?
sob
BEATEN MYSELF UP?
THAT'S RIGHT.
THE DESIRE TO MONOPOLIZE, ACTING SELFISHLY,
WANTING HIM TO BE YOURS ONLY ..
THOSE ARE FEELINGS EVERYONE HAS.
EVERYONE FEELS LIKE THAT WHEN THEY FALL IN LOVE.

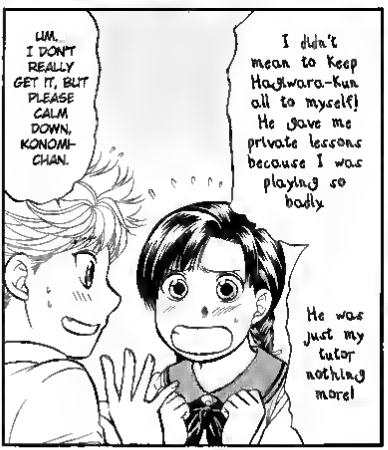
NOW WIPE YOUR TEARS AND GO CONFESS YOUR FEELINGS TO HIM
DON'T WORRY. I'M SURE EVERYTHING WILL WORK OUT.
WHOOPS! CLASS IS STARTING.
Ding
Dong
YOU SHOULD GET GOING OR YOU'LL BE LATE.
AH!
AH, KANNAMI-SENPAI!
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
AND I'M SORRY...
FOR MAKING YOU WORRY.
I'M FINE NOW

Here I am watching your bag like you asked
What was that kiss?
R-Riku
I'll let Riku know. He'll be relieved
Ahh! You stepped on my bag?!
Wait, Riku! You've got it all wrong! I was cheering him up!
Riku!
So Mana-ze was watching
You can tell that they're getting along even when they fight
chuckle


C'MERE FOR A SEC!
WHAT IS IT, KONOMI-CHA-?
INA-GAKI-KUN!
2-2

I'M SO SORRY!
That's why I've said piano boy
I SEE. SO SENPAI WENT AS WELL.

KANNAMI-SAN WENT WITH ONII-CHAN AND THEY SAID THEY SAW SOMEONE WHO LOOKED LIKE YOU
DID YOU GO TO THE RECITAL YESTER-DAY?
YEAH I DID, BUT I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE PERFORMING, SO I LEFT SORRY.
YOU REALLY DID?!


UM. I DON'T REALLY GET IT, BUT PLEASE CALM DOWN, KONOMI-CHAN.
I didn't mean to keep Hagiwara-kun all to myself! He gave me private lessons because I was playing so badly
He was just my tutor nothing more!

It's because I wasn't clear enough that you got mad and left, right?
How can I calm down?!
IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT
I JUST GOT WORKED UP ALL BY MYSELF

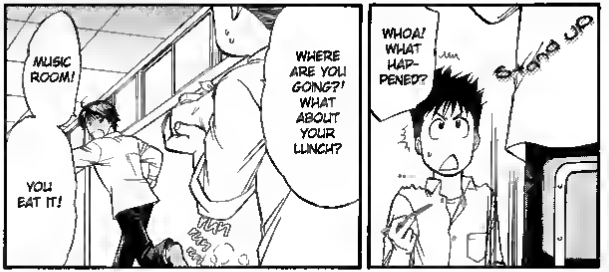
HE WAS?
I WAS SO WORRIED
GEEZ, HAGIWARA-KUN WAS LIKE AN EMPTY SHELL THIS MORNING

HE WAS REALLY SHOCKED THAT YOU WEREN'T THERE
I THOUGHT HIS PERFORMANCE WAS AMAZING, BUT HIS MOTHER SAID IT WAS REALLY ROUGH.
SHE SAID HE HAS A HABIT OF LETTING HIS EMOTIONS CONTROL HIS PLAYING SHE EVEN APOLOGIZED TO MORIGUCHI-SENSEI

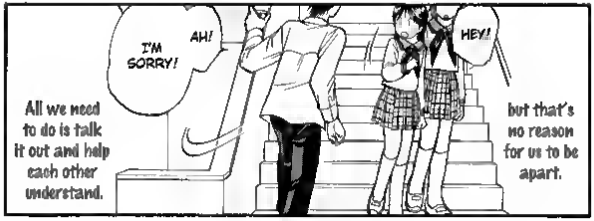
YOU KNOW, HAGIWARA-KUN SAID THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME YOU'D EVER GONE TO ONE OF HIS PERFORMANCES, AND HE WAS VERY HAPPY ABOUT IT.
EVEN THOUGH HE DIDN'T NEED TO PRACTICE, HE PLAYED THAT PIECE OVER AND OVER AGAIN AFTER OUR LESSONS TOGETHER, AND THEN LATER BY HIMSELF AT HOME
THAT SONG WAS NOT FOR HIS FANS,
IT WAS FOR YOU, INAGAKI-KUN.
HE WORKED REALLY HARD.

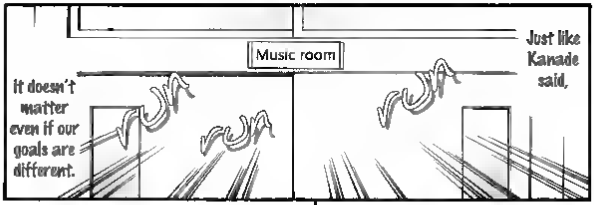
I PROMISE.
OKAY.
OKAY? SO PROMISE YOU'LL LISTEN TO HIS PERFORMANCE.
ARE YOU SICK?
HEY, HAGIWARA. ARE YOU OKAY? YOU SEEM OUT OF IT.
Ding Dong
Because I think my heart will be able to accept Kanade's feelings now.
1-3
YAY! LUNCH!
SO YOU'RE NOT GONNA EAT? WHAT A WASTE.
IF YOU WANT IT, GO AHEAD.
HN... I JUST COULDN'T SLEEP, AND I DON'T FEEL LIKE EATING.
Sob

LOOKS LIKE IT.
OH, A TEXT?
Open
Beep


MUSIC ROOM!
YOU EAT IT!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?! WHAT ABOUT YOUR LUNCH?
WHOA! WHAT HAPPENED?
Stand up

It's true. Our hobbies don't match at all.
Kanade knows nothing about soccer,
and I don't know anything about the piano.


I'M SORRY!
AH!
HEY!
All we need to do is talk it out and help each other understand.
but that's no reason for us to be apart.


Music room
Just like Kanade said,
it doesn't matter even if our goals are different.

YOU'RE SLOW!

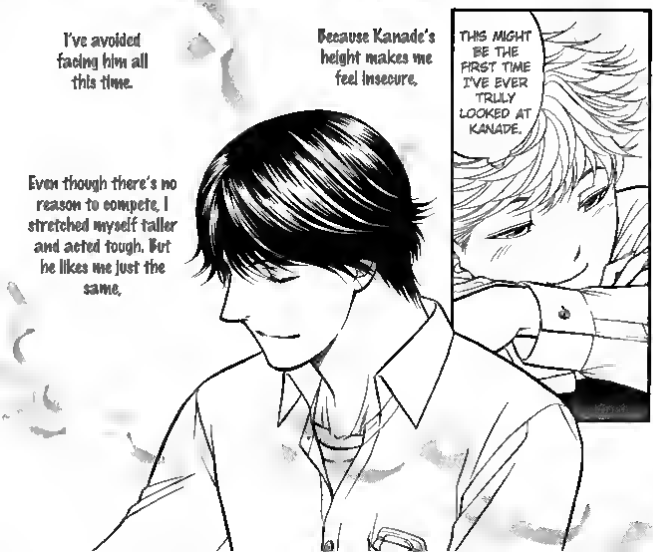
MEGU!

SINCE I WASN'T ABLE TO HEAR YOUR PERFORMANCE.
A ONE-DAY-LATE RECITAL.
SHALL WE?
Because our desire to be together...
...will connect us in the end.
OKAY!

I've avoided facing him all this time.

Because Kanade's height makes me feel insecure.

Even though there's no reason to compete, I stretched myself taller and acted tough. But he likes me just the same.



and sends me his feelings with such tender sounds.
I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT PIANO,
HM?
BUT I'VE ALWAYS BEEN ABLE TO TELL WHEN IT WAS YOU PLAYING
I'D HEAR THE PIANO THROUGH THE WINDOW OR FROM THIS MUSIC ROOM,
AND I'D THINK, "AHH, KANADE IS PLAYING"
I'M NOT SURE HOW I KNOW, BUT YOUR MUSIC FEELS LIKE IT'S FLOWING ON TOP OF WATER HEARING IT ALWAYS MAKES ME FEEL GOOD
HMM? DONE ALREADY?
YOU'RE SNEAKY, MEGU

WHEN YOU CONFESS LIKE THAT ALL OF A SUDDEN,
MY HEART POUNDS SO FAST THAT I CAN'T PLAY ANYMORE.
SO DO YOU NEED A GOOD-LUCK CHARM?
HUH?
JUST LIKE THE ONE YOU GAVE KONOMI-CHAN?
Huh?! How did you...? Ah! You saw it?!
Stand up
Aff
Thought you could get away with it, huh? You player
N-no! That's...
DON'T STOP PRINCE! PLAY IT AGAIN!
FLEASE!
WHOA! WHEN DID THEY ?!
Squeak
Squeak

I-
IDIOT! YOU...!
I'VE DECIDED TO GIVE THIS SONG TO HIM ONLY
I'M SORRY EVERYONE, BUT I CAN'T PLAY IT...
close
Ahhh
drag
WE'LL BE LEAVING NOW. PLEASE EXCUSE US!
Why did you say something like that?! Now the girls will hate me even more!
I WAS SERIOUS.
It's not funny, you idiot!
HAHAHA! DID YOU SEE THEIR FACES?!
hahaha

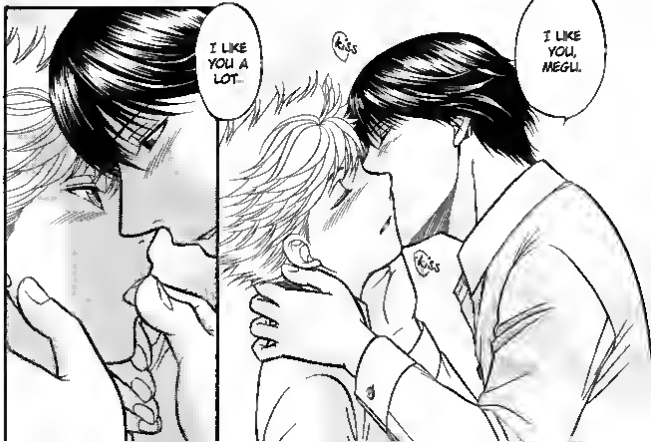
WHAT?
BUT I GUESS THAT GOES FOR THE BOTH OF US, HUH?
SINCE I'M SELFISH TOO
GEEZ, SO SELFISH
THAT SONG IS FOR YOU ONLY. I WILL NEVER PLAY IT FOR ANYONE ELSE AGAIN.
HOW ARE YOU SELFISH?

turn
I'M SELFISH BECAUSE I'M THE ONLY ONE ALLOWED TO DO THIS TO YOU.
W-WAIT, MEGU!
WHAT WAS THAT JUST NOW? WHAT DOES IT MEAN?
IT MEANS WHAT IT MEANS!
"IT MEANS WHAT IT MEANS"?!
IF YOU DON'T SAY IT CLEARLY, I WON'T GET...
IT

YOU'RE SO PUSHY!
YOU KNOW I HAVE TROUBLE WITH STUFF LIKE THIS.
MEGU!
YOU CAN'T! I WON'T LET YOU RUN AWAY ANYMORE

IS IT OKAY FOR ME TO THINK THAT?
MY FEELINGS HAVE FINALLY REACHED YOU.

THEY REACHED ME...
YEAH.


I LIKE YOU A LOT.
Kiss
I LIKE YOU, MEGU.
Kiss

I LIKE YOU...
...TOO.
HN.
clink
HAA...
HN...

HN..
HAA..
AH..
HNN

K-KANADE,
I CAN'T BREATHE
I KNOW I'M SORRY
I WANTED TO KISS YOU SO MUCH THAT I COULDN'T CONTROL MYSELF

BEK!
lick
IT'S A CUTE PINK.
unhook
CAN I TOUCH YOU? I PROMISE IT WON'T HURT.
TOUCH WHERE?
kiss
kiss
DON'T TEASE ME..
I'LL GET HARD.
YOUR VOICE IS CUTE TOO. I WANT TO HEAR MORE.
I-IDIOT, STOP IT..
shock
Ahem, pardon my interruption...

K-
KANNAMI-SENPAI!
whisper
YOU'LL GET CAUGHT OVER THERE, IT'S BETTER TO HIDE HERE BEHIND THESE WALLS
OOPS, THAT WAS CLOSE.
I CAN'T
THAT
DON'T TEASE ME LIKE.

Eeeeeek!
HE'S THE LAST PERSON I'D WANT TO SEE ME LIKE THAT!
YOU'D BETTER PAY ATTENTION TO WHERE YOU ARE.
IT'LL BE BAD IF YOU GET CAUGHT
TRUE. DO YOU KNOW ANY GOOD PLACES THEN?
YEAH. YOU WANT TO SHARE?
YES, PLEASE!
Don't you dare!

AWW, YOU'RE MEAN. IT'S NOT LIKE IT'S ONLY MY FAULT
After I confessed, the pain in my heart disappeared like it was never there.
HEY MEGU, ARE YOU STILL MAD?
OF COURSE! YOU SHOULD PAY MORE ATTENTION TO THE TIME AND PLACE!
YOU WERE THE ONE WHO STIRRED ME UP...
...BY MAKING SUCH A CUTE SOUND
KISS
grow
OOPS.
YOU...! I'M REALLY GONNA GET MAD!

I'M SORRY FOR RUINING THE MOOD
W-WHAT A SOUND!
GROWL
I DIDN'T EAT LUNCH
grow!
PFFT
IT'S OKAY
pat
Because you said you like me,
It seems that I, too, can like myself
And I think I'm going to stretch myself taller only when I'm kissing you.

I'LL WATCH OVER YOU FROM NOW ON,
SO THERE WILL BE NO MORE SKIPPING LUNCH
I won't run or turn away anymore,
because love has given me self-confidence.

AND THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED, SO PLEASE TEACH US HOW TO HAVE PAIN-FREE SEX.
In unison
And how should we take responsibility for this, Arisawa?
First, let's go apologize to their families.

Ren-ai Houteishiki End

## AFTER TALK

I GUESS THE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT IS PROBABLY A LITTLE SHOWA ERA-ISH*. PLEASE OVERLOOK IT.

TO THINK THAT I'M DRAWING JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS WHEN I'VE REACHED MIDDLE AGE ALREADY

My hair style getting more outdated as I grow older

I'M HAPPY TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DRAW THEM TILL THEY GOT TOGETHER.

THANK YOU FOR READING RENAI HOUTEISHIKI VOLUME TWO TO THE END.

*1926–1989

Thanks to the overlapping release of the novel version of "Kusatta Kyoushi no Houteishiki," Masayoshi has been put under the spotlight.

I've received questions about what happened to Atsushi and Masayoshi between the end of Kusakyo and Renai.

Even though he's supposed to be a young character, everyone calls him "Kannami-senpai," so I have to wonder, why is "senpai" part of his name?

Ah thank you very much

Well, whatever it was that they did, I'm sure it went smoothly. (So I'm just passing the buck?)

My ex-assistant, K, had a fantasy about Kannami and Sakurai getting close. She probably still believes in it.

By the way, I've gotten comments like, "I want Megu-chan to stay small," so I've given some thought to how they'll look in high school.
I want to express my thanks to the people who watched over our main couple, Meguru and Kanade. This book would not have been released if not for all of you.

He's going to stay little after all.
Probably something like this?
If this continues, he's going to grow into a tiny old man. (*cough cough*) B( is created by dreams! Please imagine his growth spurt with your infatuation.
WELL THEN, LET'S HOPE WE'LL MEET AGAIN
Adios! =
Ahh. I've been so busy that I don't even appear in the afterlalk
Whirled and whirled
END

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